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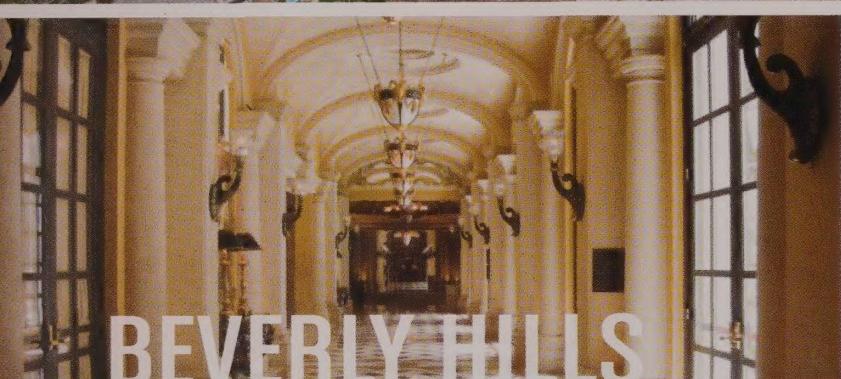
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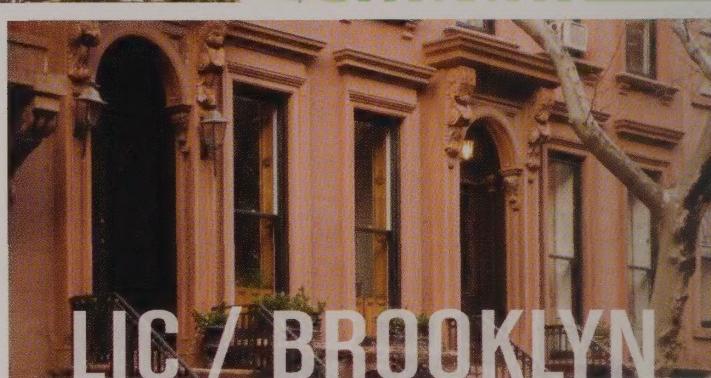
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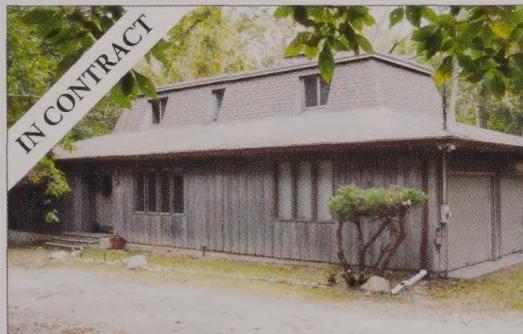
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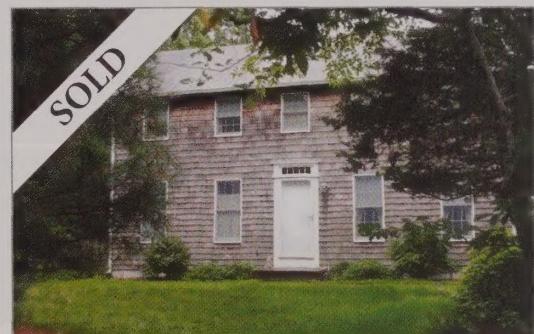
### NEAR THE BAY IN SOUTHAMPTON

Charming three bedroom, two bath traditional in a quiet location with water views. \$629,000.



### SAG HARBOR VILLAGE GEM

Exclusive. Classic village home in the historic district. Two bedrooms, sunroom, garage. \$649,000.



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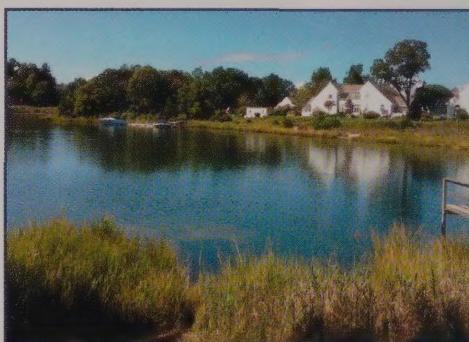
**HAMPTON BAYS** Immaculate Post Modern on beautiful landscaped acre with pool and tennis in Red Creek Ridge. Living room with fireplace, granite kitchen, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, finished lower-level and 2 car garage. Great home for entertaining! Exclusive | \$875,000 | ML# 1179919  
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**SHINNECOCK HILLS** Beautiful cape on a wooded lot just shy of an acre. 1st floor features living room with fireplace, dining area, kitchen, breakfast nook, family room and full bath. Upstairs 3 bedrooms and bath. Room for pool & Peconic Bay beaches just a few blocks away. Exclusive | \$725,000 | ML# 2634007  
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**SOUTHAMPTON** Much bigger than it appears, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, large kitchen with Carrera marble & stainless. Full basement and 2.5 car garage. 3 boat launches around the corner for small boats, paddle boarding, kayaking and canoeing. Complete gut renovation. Exclusive | \$599,000 | ML# 2609410  
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**SOUTHAMPTON** This end unit has many upgrades and expansive views of North Sea Harbor. Two bedroom, two bath waterfront condominium offers easy and care free living. With gas heating and cooking and amenities that include a boat slip, pool, and tennis. Exclusive | \$729,000 | ML# 2608132  
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**WATER MILL** Completely rebuilt 2 story farmhouse with gourmet kitchen, 7 bedrooms, 6 baths, full living room, dining room, full basement with media room, Har-Tru tennis court, pool, hot tub, waterfall, putting range, and studio apartment with private bath. Asking | \$2,968,000 | ML # 1178072  
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**BRIDGEHAMPTON** Lovely traditional with 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, chef's granite & stainless kitchen, 1st floor en suite master, 2 car garage, full bsmt and enormous attic over garage provides ample storage. Expansive & flat lot lined with privet hedges. Backs up to a 32 acre reserve. Asking | \$4,195,000 | ML# 1180503  
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**SOUTHAMPTON** On a private .79 acre lot is this expansive home that features 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, first floor master, basement with 10' ceilings, 2 car garage, radiant heat, professional chefs kitchen. Centrally located with easy access to Southampton and Sag Harbor Village. Exclusive | Reduced \$1,299,000 | ML# 2575469  
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**OPEN HOUSE BY APPOINTMENT**  
Sag Harbor Village | \$3,650,000  
Waterfront with a dock, heated Gunite pool, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, and chef's kitchen. Den/5th bedroom, walk out lower level, 2-car garage. James Merrill design, solid construction, faces south. Web# H061409. **Lori Barbaria 516.702.5649** lbarbaria@elliman.com



**OPEN HOUSE BY APPOINTMENT**  
Sag Harbor | \$1,750,000  
Mostly cleared 2.4 acres by the bay. Rolling lawn, pool, room for tennis. 3 bedrooms, finished basement, 2-car garage. Private beach community with boating. Web# H15250. **Lori Barbaria 516.702.5649** lbarbaria@elliman.com



**OPEN HOUSE SAT. 12/21 | 12-1PM**  
46 John Street, Southampton | \$1,525,000 | 1920s village home renovated and upgraded keeping historic charm. Porch to front parlor has original fireplace and is light filled. Features 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths and large master. Web# H54496. **Lori Barbaria 516.702.5649** lbarbaria@elliman.com



**OPEN HOUSE SAT. 12/21 | 1-3PM**  
11 Sandys Lane, Remsenburg | \$1,375,000 | This home has it all. Grand open living area with fireplace, gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, spacious bedrooms, heated pool and tennis. Web# H16403. **Jon Holderer 917.848.7624**



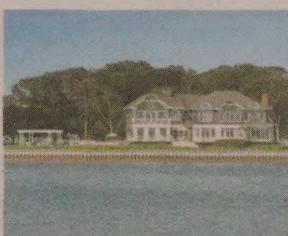
**OPEN HOUSE SAT. 12/21**  
11AM-1PM | 3 South Delphi, Montauk | \$799,000 | Refurbished 4/5 bedroom Montauk beach home just 2 blocks from ocean beaches. Complete with a formal dining room, den, and a detached garage. Web# H31433. **Linda Mallinson 516.242.1988**



**OPEN HOUSE SUN. 12/22**  
1-2:30PM | 19 Arbutus Road, Southampton | \$589,000 | Located on a secluded cul-de-sac close to Shinnecock Golf Club. Includes eat-in kitchen, living room with cathedral ceilings, wood burning fireplace, and hardwood floors. Web# H32797. **Mary Vaillant 631.723.2721**



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Hampton Bays | \$3,858,000  
Stunning waterfront estate with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, solarium, wine room, Gunite pool and 221 ft of bulkhead. Web# H18103. **Constance Porto 631.723.2721**



**GEM IN OLD ORCHARD**  
East Hampton | \$2,350,000  
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**CUSTOM HOME WITH POOL**  
East Hampton | \$2,525,000  
Custom home conveniently located just 2 miles outside East Hampton Village. This 5,000 sf, 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath home, built new in 2000 is surrounded with lush grounds. Web# H19621. **Justin Agnello 631.267.7334**



**DITCH PLAINS COMPOUND**  
Montauk | \$1,900,000 | One-of-a-kind Ditch Plains apartment units. This property features 4 one-bedroom units and 1 two-bedroom unit. Just shy of an acre with separate utilities and close to Ditch Plains beach. Web# H30679. **Kristin Kinney 631.335.1625**



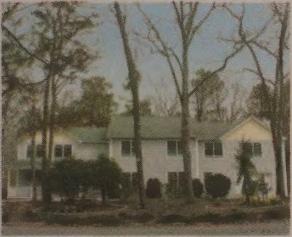
**CHARMING BAYFRONT**  
Hampton Bays | \$1,595,000  
Charming 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath bay front home with water views from all rooms plus a converted boathouse with 840 sf deck and bulkhead. Direct access to beach and room for pool. Web# H54957. **Thomas Knight 631.204.2746**



**MODERN TRADITIONAL**  
Southampton | \$1,499,000 | Idyllic setting with 5,000 sf, 6 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, fireplace and open floor plan and sprawling rooms with access to the heated pool, tennis and deck. Web# H21063. **Diane West 516.721.5199**  
**Richard West 718.344.3241**



**CHARMING HAMPTONS HOME**  
Water Mill | \$1,495,000  
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**STYLISH AND SPACIOUS**  
East Quogue | \$999,000 | Totally renovated in 1998 offering 8 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 2 great rooms with fireplaces and pool. This house is made for family fun, relaxation and entertaining all year round. Web# H19255. **Ann Pallister 631.723.2721**



**SOUTH OF MAIN STREET**  
Westhampton Beach | \$815,000  
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**TURN-KEY WATER VIEW DUPLEX**  
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**CHARMING TURN-KEY COTTAGE**  
Sag Harbor | \$465,000 | Cape features 2 bedrooms, a new full bathroom, formal living room, enclosed porch, sunroom, outside shower, stone patio, central air, new washer/dryer, plus outdoor lighting and town water. Web# H52678. **Cynthia Beck 631.537.6076**



**VILLAGE WINTER RENTAL**  
Quogue | Winter \$3,500  
Winter rental with pool, tennis, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, living room, family room, 2 fireplaces, dining room, new eat-in kitchen, den, and family room with kitchen. Web# H0212009. **Adriana Jurcev 917.678.6543**

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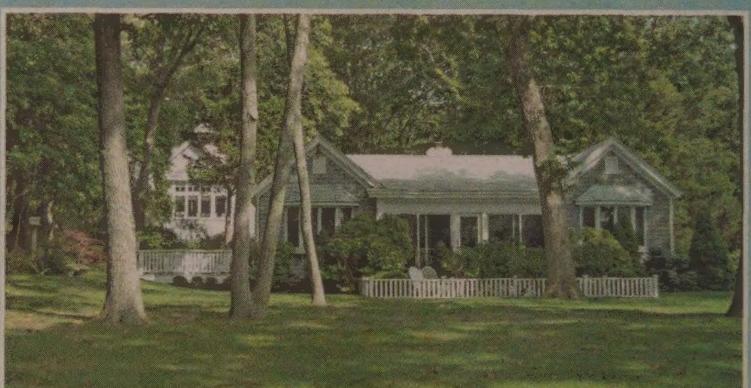
FABULOUS BAY FRONT WITH POOL AND GUEST HOUSE

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HARBOR FRONT WITH GUEST HOUSE, POOL AND DOCK

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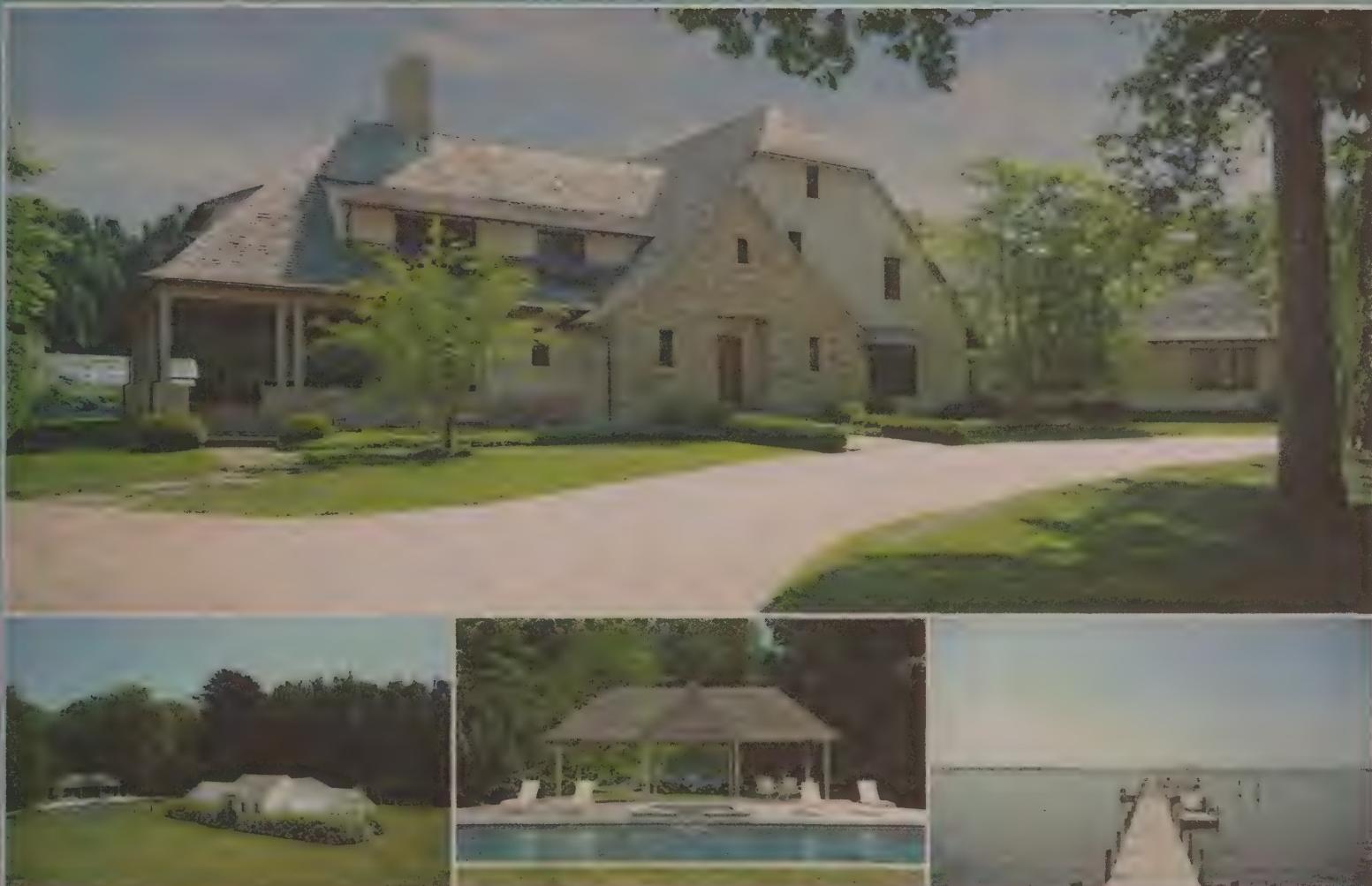
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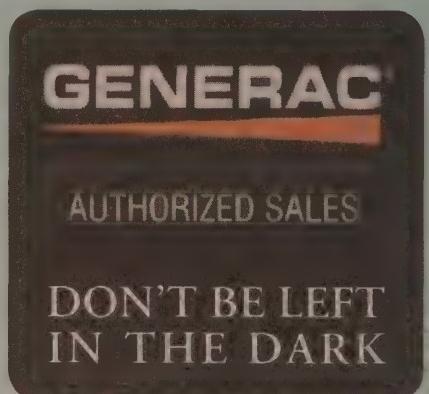
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## 2. FAMOUS BASKETBALL TEAMS



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- A. ELVES
- B. REINDEER
- C. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- D. THE LIONS CLUB
- E. THE VILLAGE POLICE



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## 3. A NEW BASEBALL TEAM IN MONTAUK...

1. WILL BE CLOSER TO FENWAY PARK THAN TO YANKEE STADIUM
2. WILL HAVE A GIGANTIC OUTFIELD WALL NAMED THE MONTAUK MONSTER
3. WILL BE READY TO PLAY BALL IN 2014!



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## 4. OLD SOLDIERS IN CAR CASH



Seven elderly World War II veterans, in full combat gear, were injured last Friday when the military troop carrier they were sitting in was in a crash while traveling eastbound on the Montauk Highway in Sagaponack. The men, all in their 80s and veterans of the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, were only shaken up when their driver lost control of their vehicle after hitting a deer just to the west of Town Line Road. The vehicle skidded and came to a halt sideways across the center line and spilled M1 rifles and boxes of ammunition across the road, causing a traffic tie-up for nearly an hour. The deer fled.

The soldiers were headed for East Hampton Town Hall to get permission to join in the upcoming deer hunt. -- DR

## 5. 4 GADGETS FOR SURVIVING A HOLIDAY ROAD TRIP?

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## 6. FOUR SIGNS IT'S TIME FOR WINTER FUN ON THE EAST END

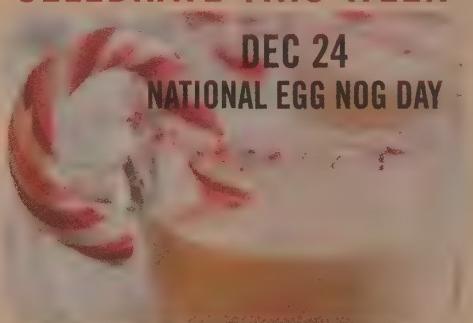


## 7. WHO'S RIDING THE HAMPTONS SUBWAY?



1. ALEXA RAY JOEL
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## 8. HOLIDAYS TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK



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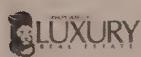
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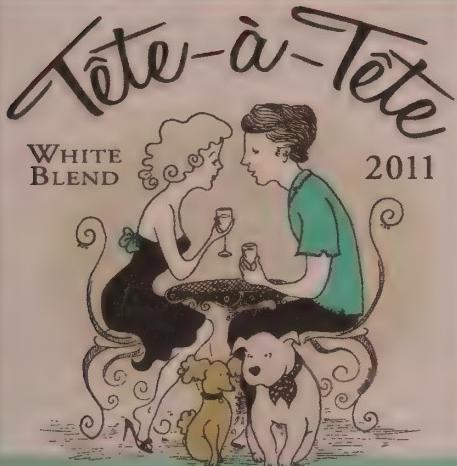


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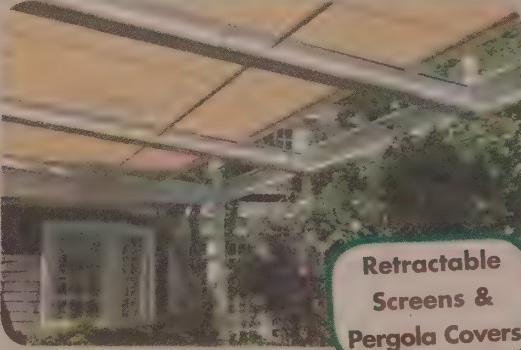
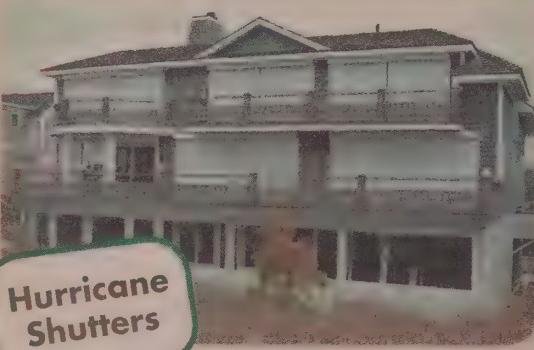


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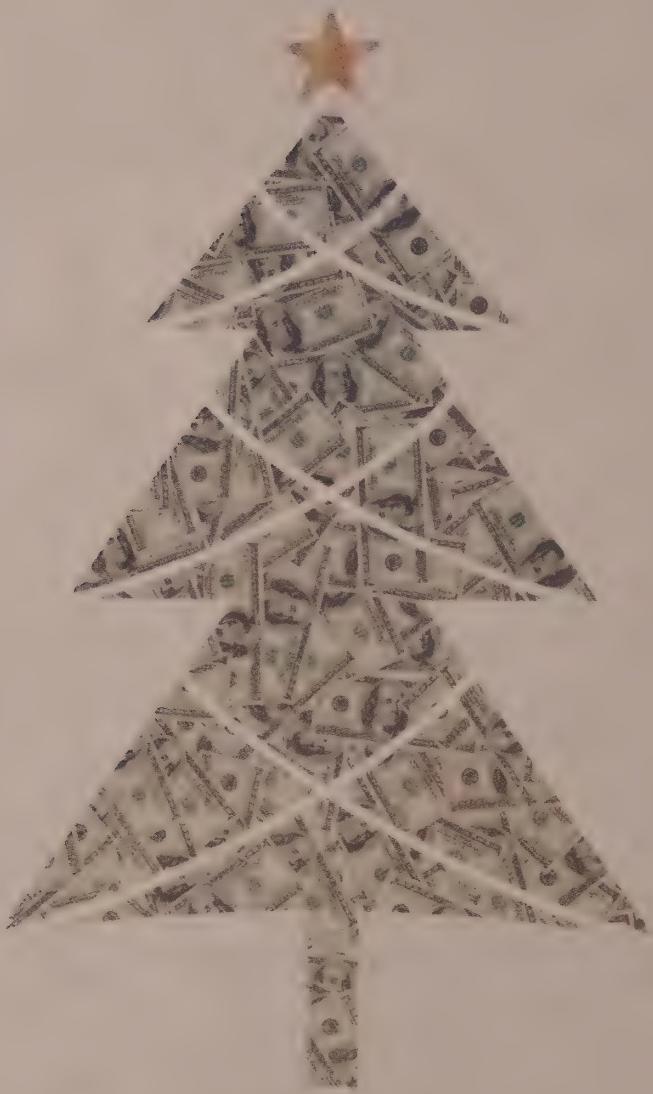
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Congratulations, **Chris Martin!** The Amagansett resident's band, **Coldplay**, and their hit song, "Atlas," from the *Hunger Games: Catching Fire* soundtrack, were nominated for a Golden Globe last week. Winners will be announced Jan. 12.

South Fork resident **Laurie Anderson**, widow of music legend Lou Reed, organized a tribute to her late husband at the Apollo Theater this week. Performers included **Bono**, **David Bowie**, **Paul Simon** and Reed's protégé, **Antony Hegarty**. More than 1,000 friends and family members attended the private event.

Hamptonite **Barbara Walters** interviewed some of the year's biggest headline-makers for her *Most Fascinating People* special that aired this week, including **Britain's Prince George**, the cast of *Duck Dynasty* and **Edward Snowden**.

Hamptons resident **Paul McCartney** starred in *Paul McCartney: Something New*, a one-hour documentary exploring the recording of his latest album, *New*, on Palladia, VH1's sister channel. McCartney's been busy promoting *New*, and just finished his first tour of Japan in 11 years.

South Fork regular **Beyoncé** suddenly released a new self-titled album last week. The album, featuring 14 songs and 17 videos, debuted at the top of the Billboard charts.

Water Mill's **Matt Lauer** was feeling festive last week when he picked up the bar tab at the *Today* show's annual holiday party. **Kathie Lee Gifford**, **Al Roker**, **Savannah Guthrie** and **Hoda Kotb** were among the 500 show employees who enjoyed Lauer's generosity at Manhattan's Dream Downtown Hotel.

Bridgehampton's **Madonna** took the top spot on *Forbes* magazine's annual list of top-earning female musicians. The pop superstar earned \$125 million, largely from her MDNA tour, merchandise sales and clothing line, which put her ahead of fellow money machines **Lady Gaga** and **Taylor Swift**.

Foodie bites: Lunch in New York City with Amagansett's **Sarah Jessica Parker** and **Matthew Broderick** was a hot prize in the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights Seventh Annual Ripple of Hope Holiday Auction. Proceeds from the international online auction will go to the RFK Center's efforts to support human rights (*Continued on page 46*)

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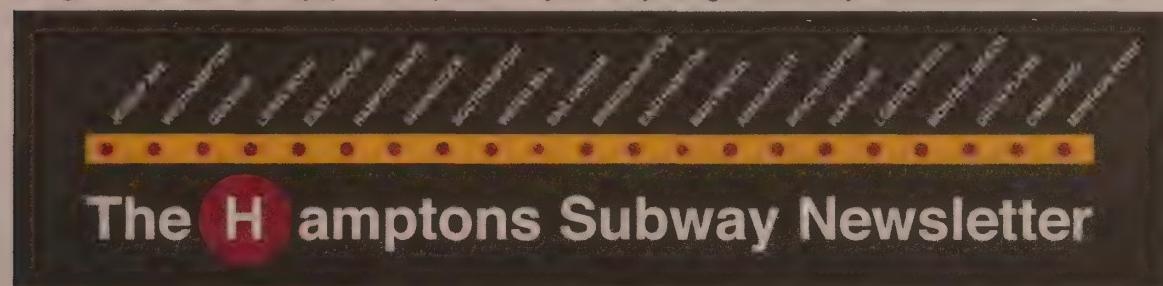
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#### DOWN IN THE TUBE

Alexa Ray Joel was seen on the subway heading from Bridgehampton to Sag Harbor on Monday afternoon. Caroline Doctorow was seen on the subway getting off the train in East Hampton with her guitar. Nathan Lane and Al Roker were talking to each other on the Southampton to Montauk Express on Saturday morning. Jimmy Fallon was fishing for change on the Noyac platform, looking to buy a newspaper at the newsstand there.

#### CHRISTMAS DEBACLE

Due to the fact that three marketing directors have come and gone from the Hamptons Subway payroll during 2013, the annual "count the cars" contest never happened. In this contest, parents take their children to the top of Fort Hill in front of the Montauk Manor and look down at the subway yards by the railroad station and

on a piece of paper count the subway cars. The kid guessing right wins a ride on the subway with Santa Claus. Local residents report that the lawn up there is littered with entries all around the Hamptons Subway metal box set up for the last five prior contests and never taken down. We at Hamptons Subway apologize to all the children of the Hamptons for this. All the entries have been picked up. We will do something for all the entrants on Christmas Day. Be patient.

#### OVERTIME QUEEN

A local newspaper we will not name says Stella Achison, 43, the token booth clerk at the Southampton station, has logged 2,424 overtime hours during this past year, a fact they have discovered by filing out one of those Freedom of Information requests. Achison makes \$34,812 a year, as do all the other token booth clerks, but she has, by working these extra hours at double-time pay, received \$94,051 extra, making her one of the most highly paid employees, except for the Commissioner and his wife and daughter and nine other top executives, in the company. To do this, Achison has had to work

nonstop 13 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks of the year.

Straphangers have reported she is always there, though sometimes asleep in the glass booth, so they have to bang on the glass to wake her. Hamptons Subway and that other unnamed newspaper also agree she does the work. But just because she has a no-good husband and 13 children in private school is no excuse, and she will be reprimanded.

#### TRAINS SLOWED

The Christmas lights and decorations were put up on all the platforms and throughout the subway tunnels during the night on December 18, and they will be left up until January 3. During this time, maximum speed for all the trains will be reduced from the regular 41 miles an hour to just 29 miles an hour, so as not to jostle or hit and get tangled in any wreaths or twinkling light strips, so all train service will be delayed during this time, but it's worth it just to see the great work the night crew did. Just sit back and enjoy it. Or stand there and enjoy it.

#### COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

As my wife and I and our daughter and all our relatives do every Christmas Day, we have a big family dinner at our house to celebrate the good times. Presents are exchanged. We duck for apples. Build fires. See who can throw a Frisbee the farthest. Have a cross-dressing contest. It's family tradition. We all here at the Aspinall household wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

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**MISSING BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

Police are instigating a search for a missing birth certificate. It seems that Suzy McBisquick, who had agreed to donate her birth certificate to Shelter Island's newly formed McGumbus Museum of Hairlegger History, placed the document in the mail last Tuesday and it never arrived. McBisquick admitted that this could have something to do with the fact that she failed to put any postage on the envelope or use a ZIP code. "They know my handwriting down there," cried McBisquick, 83. "What do they need with that newfangled ZIP code?" She alleges that McGumbus, her ex-lover, is to blame for the loss, as he is infamous for shouting that the post office is full of "Goddam hippies" at random intervals throughout the Shelter Island winter.

Read more Hamptons Police Blotter and get exclusive Old Man McGumbus updates at [DansPapers.com](http://DansPapers.com).

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## Black Tie Benefit at Muse in Sag Harbor

Muse in the Harbor in Sag Harbor was the venue for the 26th annual Black Tie Benefit for the Sag Harbor Food Pantry on December 7.  
Photographs by Daniel Gonzalez



Sean Scanlon hosts, for the 26th year, the annual Black Tie Benefit



Gene Casey (on the right) and The Lone Sharks rocked Muse



Chef-owner of Muse in The Harbor Matthew Guiffria

## AVENUE Magazine Celebration

Dan's Papers sister publications AVENUE magazine and AVENUE on the Beach celebrated their annual A List at a party hosted by Christine Schwarzman and honoring cover girl Diana Taylor, New York's unofficial First Lady and Mayor Michael Bloomberg's partner.  
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Linda Silich with WEHM's Anthony, who did a live broadcast from the open house

## Don Duga at Dark Horse

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defenders. Leeann Lavin recently released *The Hamptons & Long Island Homegrown Cookbook*, a compilation of recipes by renowned local chefs. Contributors include Tom Schaudel of A Lure and a Mano, Gerry Hayden and Claudia Fleming of the North Fork Table & Inn and Lia Fallon of the Riverhead Project. Sag Harbor cartoonist Gahan Wilson and his wife, author Nancy Winters, enjoyed a holiday dinner with friends and neighbors. Dinner conversation focused on where the Midwest begins. Wilson suggested that it begins and ends in his home state of Illinois, but group opinion settled on... Queens.

Filmmakers D.A. Pennebaker and Chris Hedgehus of Sag Harbor were honored at a reception during the sixth annual Hamptons Take 2 Documentary Film Festival. The celebration included a screening of the pair's 1993 film, *The War Room*, and a discussion hosted by Susan Lacey, creator and producer of PBS's *American Masters* series.

This week's cover is by Green Monkeys cartoonist Mickey Paraskevas. By his own reckoning, it's his millionth *Dan's* cover. There's more to come, and you can see his latest work daily at [thegreenmonkeys.com](http://thegreenmonkeys.com).

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# The Chimney Stories

*Santa Delivers to the Indians, the Settlers, the Whalers, the Visitors, Etc....*

BY DAN RATTINER

**B**efore the Hamptons was "the Hamptons," Santa was making his regular Christmas deliveries by reindeer and sleigh to the Native Americans who lived here. They were the Montauketts, the Manhassetts, the Shinnecocks and a host of other tribes.

The Indians did not live in teepees, they lived in domed huts with holes at the top to let out the smoke from fires inside. Santa had no problem with the huts when the residents would remember to put the fires out on Christmas Eve. He'd land by the holes and drop the presents down. But on very cold days when the residents would either forget or decide not to put the fires out, he'd early on pass up on those Indian residences. This led to an outcry. But in the end, Santa solved it by strapping bags of gifts to the tops of the domes where the fires were. And everyone was happy. The parents made a game out of scrambling up to the top to get the gifts. The children loved it.

In colonial days the settlers built a total of 13 wood-shingled windmills throughout the East

End to grind corn into flour to make bread. Nearly all of them remain today, treasures of this community. One year, Santa's sleigh knocked one of the blades off a windmill on a hill in Southampton as he came in to land on a roof. After that, the settlers put Christmas tree lights up on the blades. They do this to this day. Another year, Santa's elves decided to give every kid in the Hamptons little toy windmills, six inches high. Hundreds and hundreds of them were made. The kids were puzzled to receive them. They spun the blades around for a few minutes and then set them aside. The parents sent Santa a letter asking he not do that again. He didn't.

On Christmas Eve during the War of 1812, when the British landed at Long Wharf, hoping to march into town and burn the place to the ground, a pitched battle took place between them and the locals. The locals knew the British were coming ahead of time. They had been tipped off. So beforehand, they evacuated the women and children to Bridgehampton. Santa started going down the chimneys of the houses in Sag Harbor (Cont'd on next page)



Dan Rattiner's third memoir, *STILL IN THE HAMPTONS* is now online and at all bookstores. You can also buy the first two, *IN THE HAMPTONS* and *IN THE HAMPTONS, TOO*. A fourth in this series will be published in the spring of 2015.

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## Santa (Continued from previous page)



around midnight in the middle of the battle, but quickly people told him what was going on, and so instead of finishing up he went to Bridgehampton with double rations and a note telling the kids of Bridgehampton to share, which is what they did. By the way, in the end, the British were driven off.

Around 1830, another problem developed in Sag Harbor. In those years, Long Wharf in that

town was home to over 100 whaling ships that sailed the seas as far off as Japan, Australia and China. Many homes were built with wooden hatches that opened up onto the top of the roof. People, especially women, could go up into their attics and, with a wooden ladder, climb up inside and peer out, hoping to see the ship bearing their husbands coming back home to port after a yearlong absence. At that time,

when a ship would be sighted heading in, low in the water because of the caskets of whale blubber on board, church bells would sound and the "widows" would head up top.

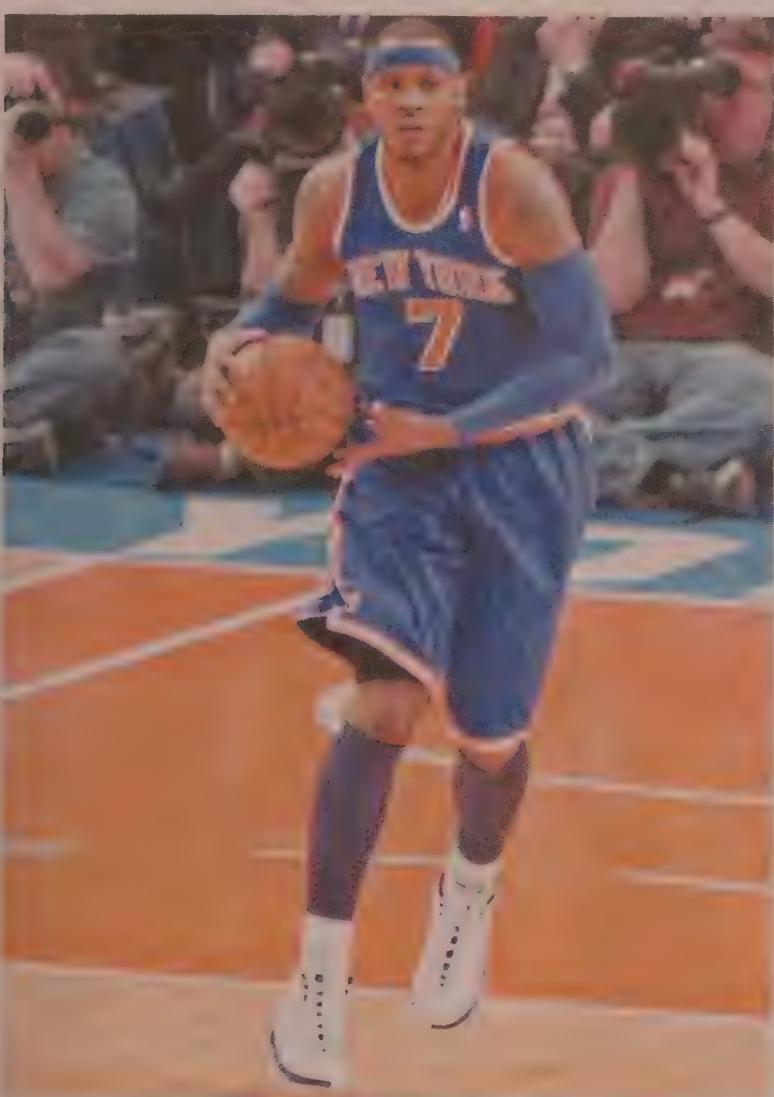
This resulted in Christmases, on several occasions, with Santa climbing down the hatches and leaving the bags of presents in the attic. It took a while before the parents of the disappointed children figured out what was going on. After that, there was this famous catchphrase in town: "Not in the fireplace, look in the attic." It worked.

By the way, some of the wealthier ship captains built entire covered platforms up there for their wives. They were called "Widow's Walks," because some were big enough for the wives to pace back and forth on. You can see some of them on rooftops in town today, although there hasn't been a whale ship come into town in 150 years.

About 1860, wealthy New Yorkers began coming out to the Hamptons by train to giant summer residences they built. They had no intention of occupying them after the summer ended. Most didn't even have heat. The idea was to enjoy the "fresh air" of the summer away from the city, and then, at Labor Day, leave town and not return until the spring.

This created serious problems for Santa Claus, because he couldn't tell which houses were occupied and which not. Some families would arrive back at their summer homes in June to find presents in the fireplace. They were delighted at first, (Continued on page 60)





Knicks star Carmelo Anthony



Nets guard Deron Williams

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# Keeping Score

*Why the Brooklyn Nets Lost to the New York Knicks Last Week*

BY DAN RATTINER

This past May, I began a new exercise routine. Basketball. I have a hoop and backboard on my garage outside. I play half-court. And I play only against myself.

Basically, I go out there and see how many shots I can make out of 100. It takes about 20 minutes to do this. I dribble around, do big looping hook shots, one handers from the outside, layups. In many ways, I look like just another dad in the community, but in this case, the kids are grown. So I am out there by myself.

Playing basketball is good for your reflexes, your depth perception, eye-hand coordination, wind, a certain craftiness, strength and stamina. It's also good for your brain. Before I started doing this, I had a terrible memory. Now I remember everything again. Scary.

It's also good for competitiveness. I keep score. I see how many shots I can make. Early on, out of 100 shots, I could make perhaps 10. But I got better. Soon I was shooting 20 per 100, and by July, 35. Three weeks ago, in a golden moment, I shot 62 out of 100. It was an amazing feeling. Since that time, I have topped 50 just twice more. So in the last 60 days I have had three experiences over .500.

At that point, I thought I might try keeping

score by playing one team against another. Years ago, when I was younger, I played half-court like this by myself in an imaginary game that pitted the Knicks against the Nets.

The Knicks would get a rebound, dribble to behind the key, try a three pointer, miss, and then I'd run in and get the rebound for the Nets. Or, sometimes, I'd run in and try to tap it in for the Knicks. A rambling commentary would go on in my head, led primarily by Marv Albert, the Knicks longtime announcer, and by the crowd, which sometimes was behind one team or the other, and always would let out a roar for a three pointer or for a big, arching hook that would swish through the net.

Personally, I rooted for the Nets in those games. They were a lousier team in real life at that time, but when they played the Knicks in my backyard, the usual winner was the Nets, led by the sensational playing of Jason Kidd.

Often I'd hear this. "And Jason Kidd steals the ball!" both from Marv Albert on television or from my head in my backyard in Springs.

Anyway, due to an injury I sustained while playing this game on ice, I was out of action for the last decade. Now I'm back. And my early point-counting—counting shots made against total shots attempted—was designed to slow myself down in my head and take it a bit easier.

Without Marv and without the crowd, I wasn't quite so excitable.

I did think to go back to the Knicks and the Nets. And I decided to do that, but in order not to get carried away with my recent success, just consider a missed shot two points for the Knicks and a made shot two points for the Nets. How much trouble could I get in with that? Well, maybe not physical trouble, but it would be a stretch for the Nets to win. Think about it. In 60 days, I had scored more than half the shots only three times.

This will be a big challenge for you, my boy, the voice in my head said. You seem to be getting up over 40 with some regularity. It's possible.

The first time I tried this, the Knicks went into an early lead, but then the Nets caught back up and nosed ahead. At that point, I think it was 16 to 14. But then I started missing two, three, four in a row, and the next time I took a breath, the Knicks were ahead 44 to 38. After that, I simply missed one shot after another until the end. Final score: Knicks 62, Nets 38.

The next day, the Knicks won 77 to 23. Something was seriously wrong. This was the fewest shots I had made in 100 since June.

I thought, well, we'll try again tomorrow and see how it goes, (*Continued on next page*)

## Nets (Continued from previous page)

but when the Knicks pulled ahead 16 to 4 in the early going, I had coach Jason Kidd, the real coach of the Nets now, call a time-out. In that time-out, I fired the team. I told them they couldn't possibly play this badly against the Knicks three times in a row, and so who must be out there was a high school team.

At first I thought to imagine the East Hampton High School boys basketball team out there, but then I knew I could not do this to them. Instead, I imagined a Texas high school basketball team, a group of five boys who had won the state title and were all fired up. Could they beat the Knicks? Absolutely not. But maybe once? Maybe once, say out of ten tries? I thought they could.



Jason Kidd, coach of the Brooklyn Nets and, occasionally, the author



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So we continued on now as a high school basketball team, complete with cheerleaders and a lusty, vocal crowd here in Madison Square Garden, trying to do the impossible. One of them shot. Swish! Marv Albert wasn't there, it was somebody else. But now the Knicks took the lead 16 to 6. I missed the next shot and the next, but then I swished again from the outside and made the next three. It was 18 to 10. If only the Midland Warriors could come close. Could they do it? They could not.

I just kept missing. And as the Knicks pulled away once again, putting the game well out of reach, I went in for a layup and made it, and something snapped.

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**Could the East Hampton High School basketball team beat the Knicks?  
Absolutely not. But maybe once?  
Maybe once out of 10 tries?**

The Knicks were standing to one side, looking down and laughing at me, laughing at these kids, because they had just let them come through for an easy layup.

That's it, I said. And I closed the game out without further effort. Final score: Knicks 78, the Midland Warriors 22. This was never gonna happen.

The next day, and since then, I've been back shooting against myself, one point for a shot in, one point a shot missed. Last Wednesday, I shot 48 out of 100.

And then last Thursday, in real life, the Knicks played the Nets at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Both teams have dismal records, and so I thought it could be a good match up. Indeed, the Barclays Center was packed, hoping Jason Kidd could get a team out there and in real life knock the Knicks' block off. They could not. The final score was Knicks 113, Nets 83. The crowd booed as the Nets left the arena. I've got to think that if the Knicks had not slaughtered both the Nets and the Midland (Texas) High School Warriors the day before, they would not have been so dominant on Thursday at Madison Square Garden.

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Scenes from the 2013 East Hampton Santa Parade



Richard Lewin

# Behind the Scenes

*So Santa Paraded Through Town in his Sleigh. The Whole Story*

BY DAN RATTINER

I don't want to ruin the show for everybody, but I want to take you behind the scenes a little bit in describing the Santa Parade held in East Hampton last Saturday December 7 at 10 a.m.

First of all, here was the show from out front. The parade began at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street and headed east toward the center of town. In order, there was the United States Color Guard at the front, Town Crier Hugh King in his top hat, tails and silver-handled cane, Peaches the Donkey, the CDCH Charter School float, the East Hampton Cub Scout Pack 426 float with Disney characters from the movies (including a dignified Lion King bringing up the rear), Mayor Paul Rickenbach riding on the East Hampton Ocean Rescue float, floats from Girl Scouts Unit 63, including marching Disney characters, a line of Midget and antique cars, marchers from the Rotary Club of East Hampton, the Sag Harbor Girls Field Hockey Team State Champs, Schenck Fuel's float, the Springs School Band with its leader Ben Jones at the helm, cartoon characters and a float from the Star of East Lodge 843, a whole line of antique tractors putt-putting and banging along, floats and marchers from the YMCA East Hampton Rec Center and, high up in the cockpit of a giant sleigh bringing up the rear, Mr. and Mrs. Claus battling snowflakes while eight full-size reindeers (in reindeer suits and on their hind legs), pulled the sleigh down the street. A line of fire trucks with horns sounding and lights flashing put an exclamation point behind

that. What a parade. Several hundred people lined the parade route, which came down Main Street to the east, turned left at the light at Newtown Lane and went all the way out to the railroad station.

How do I know all this? Margie Meighan of the Bridgehampton National Bank who also is the treasurer of the East Hampton Chamber of Commerce, directed the line of the parade from its mustering grounds on the Presbyterian Church grounds out into the street and off. She carried a clipboard, and on it the sheet showing the order of the parade and another copy for me.

Who am I? Well, for the last four years, I was Mr. Ho Ho Ho, the man standing atop the sleigh with the Misses.

Let me tell you about this sleigh. It was a wonder of wood paneling, railings, decoration and Christmas wreaths. It sat on some sort of motorized vehicle with wheels. And it was so high, it was a big job just to climb up to the top and get in there seven feet up. From the back seat, an elf operated a leaf blower rigged up to a tube with duct tape, which sucked potato flakes set in a bucket on the floor down into the tube and under the sleigh to be sent blowing high in the air from its maw at the front. Its goal was to continuously waft me and Mrs. Claus with flurries for the duration. I can tell you it did not snow anywhere else either in town or on the eight respected citizens in front of the snowblower who had zipped themselves into reindeer suits, put huge reindeer helmets over their heads and gave us a tow.

Coming out into the line of the parade,

**Who am I? Well, for the last four years, I was Mr. Ho Ho Ho, the man standing atop his sleigh with the Misses.**

we were accompanied by an advance man, Frosty the Snowman, who worked both sides of the street getting the parents and children ready for our arrival. Every police officer in town, many on bicycles, seemed to be there. I have never seen so many people smiling, parents, children, police too. As for me, I felt like a rock star. Everybody between the ages of 2 and 10 were either dazzled, frightened, in awe of, in love with, shy of, or just plain amazed at seeing Santa. As for me, I waved to everyone, as did the Misses. Also, this year, for the first time, I wore the wire-rimmed glasses I own that do not turn dark in the sunshine. In prior years I was the man of mystery. This year I was the real Claus. The real Claus doesn't mess with sunglasses.

I want to thank everyone who worked to make this parade happen, from the Mayor to Marina Van to Ed Dressler, to John Flaherty and others just too many to mention. Me and the Misses talked about it afterwards. We are definitely going to fly down to East Hampton and come down Main Street again next year.

The sheet with the order of the parade on it ends with this:

**PLEASE BE SURE POLICE KNOW SANTA SHOULD BE PICKED** (Cont'd on next page)

## Parade (Continued from previous page)



Music and reindeer dances in East Hampton

**UP RIGHT AFTER HIS FLOAT PASSES THE RR TRACKS** and brought to the Hunting Inn. Children will be waiting and he will only be there until noon. He has to get back to the North Pole, to supervise the elves and keep them from drinking the Christmas sherry.

I have to say there are two different kinds of people in the world. Those who are shy and those who are hams. Shy people should never be Santa Clause Hams, and I am one of those, have a morning never to be forgotten.

Here's a whole line of floats and marchers all leading, at the end of the parade, Santa and Mrs. Santa high up on a bright red float into town. The Pope, were he to come to East Hampton, would have had a better turnout, but not by much.

During the hour or so I sat in the big chair at the Hunting Inn afterwards, I spent a minute or two with 46 little kids, each of whom, one after another, either accepted or refused the offer made by their parents to jump up into my lap.

Reactions to this ranged all over the lot.



Richard Lewin  
Those under the age of one and a half didn't seem to mind. Those above one and a half had a wide variety of emotions. Some knew right away what they wanted to tell me and leaped right up. Others took one look at the white beard, the red suit and the black boots, shrieked in terror and backtracked to stand trembling behind mom or dad. At least two children, both girls, hugged Santa Clause for so long they had to be pried loose to give others a chance. Others were wary, either doing this only for their parents, refusing to do this in rebellion against their parents, were nervous or uncertain about what to do, or, in one case, came up on the lap and tried to boss me around for awhile.

I think everyone, at one time or another, should lift 46 live children weighing 15 to 40 pounds, one after another, plop them into their laps and try to briefly make friends with them. I loved every minute of it.

There's nothing like telling a kid who nods when you ask him if he's been good, to then be able to assure him you'll do your very best to make sure he is happy on Christmas morning. ☺

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# Historic Photographs Tell the Story of the East End

BY LISA TANNENBAUM

**E**ric Woodward has a passion for postcards. The Southampton residential architect has been collecting postcards for the past 30 years. He has over 40,000 cards in his collection, many of which are European cards that belonged to his grandmother. What really intrigues are the 4,000 pictures of the Hamptons, and our traditional style Long Island homes in particular.

Woodward's interest was sparked when he was browsing in an antiques store and came upon a postcard of Southampton from 1905. Having moved to Southampton in 1976, he was taken with the image, and his vast collection got its start. Woodward buys at the annual Long Island Postcard Collectors Show and Sale every spring in East Northport, where postcards are piled high on seven to eight tables for all to peruse.

Nowadays, the marketplace for cards is mostly online, with eBay being the best place to trade rare and valuable ones. Postcards sell individually for \$5 to \$10. By those numbers, Woodward's entire collection would be worth anywhere between \$200,000 and \$400,000. Often there are bidding wars online, with prices going up to as much as \$40 for a rare or desirable image. Recently, Woodward went on a cross-country bicycle trip and was able to snag a card of a house in Sagaponack from his smartphone while on the road.

Why are these postcards so rare and desirable? They are so collectable because of their unusual

history in a very limited timeframe. Between 1904 and 1914, there was a "postcard craze" for sending and receiving cards in the mail. All of these artifacts are postmarked with the date on which they were sent. Woodward says that he has seen that some people received four to five postcards per day in the mail!

Woodward is always on the lookout for images of houses, as some of these pictures are the only views made of historic houses that were destroyed or that don't survive intact. There was one image he sought out for years that was of a house by McKim Mead and White on the ocean that washed away in 1938. He had seen an engraving of the residence, but no pictures existed of the home. Finally, after years of being on the hunt, he found a postcard of it.

These historic postcards come in two types: lithograph and photograph. Those that are actual photographs printed on a card come at a premium price. They are usually very good images. For the lithographs, salesmen would come to town and offer to print local postcards to sell in news stores. The postcards would be printed in Germany, where the printing technology for lithographs was much more advanced than in the United States.

Photography at this time was getting more



Sag Harbor scene circa 1907

simplified so that it was possible for the average person to have a darkroom at home. Some people would take the photographs themselves and print them in their own darkrooms, making the images in small batches. One prized series is a group of pictures of a snowstorm on Elm Street in Southampton printed by someone who lived on the street.

Woodward has gotten creative with some of the photographs in his collection and has hand-tinted the black-and-white images to add color. He keeps the collection in albums and is always ready to show them off to visitors. Woodward gives illustrated talks featuring highlights from his collection at area historical societies and libraries periodically, this local architect to share a visual understanding of the history of this special place.



The famous home later known as Grey Gardens



Main Street, East Hampton circa 1906



Unspecified Long Island farm field



Pine Neck, Sag Harbor



The Sage Playground in Sag Harbor, circa 1908



The Southampton Hospital prior to its expansion



J. C. Parish residence colored by Eric Woodward (current site of Stony Brook Southampton)



The Southampton Beach Club circa 1920s

# Southampton Village, An Artists Paradise

BY SANDRA HALE SCHULMAN

**S**omething has happened to Southampton's art scene. There has been a shift in galleries and art centers with new names, new locations and new approaches. And they're not getting smaller.

Taking a stroll through town starting from the east, the Hill Street Gallery is a new kid on the block, located across from the movie theater. The space, an oversized storefront nestled between a surf shop and a real estate office, has large windows front and back, with beautiful natural light to brighten the high ceilings.

Director Debbie Gelfand says, "We'll see how it goes. We'd like to be a year-round gallery."

Tripoli Gallery of Contemporary Art at 30A Jobs Lane has a "youthquake" movement going on. Owner Tripoli Patterson has deep roots in the area, is a champion surfer and has serious art world connections. At just 29, he just curated his 9th Annual Thanksgiving Collective and is in his fifth year at the current Jobs Lane location. This year's Collective, on view through mid-January of 2014, features new paintings by Melanie Moczarski, Nick Weber, Jonathan Beer and Aakash Nihalani (whose tape installations greeted patrons of the Parrish Art Museum at their Midsummer Party).

Tripoli shows work by local artists of international renown, like Eric Freeman, Ross Bleckner, Mary Heilmann and Keith Sonnier, to name a few, and this summer brought in works by masters like Roy Lichtenstein, Willem de



The new Southampton Center on Jobs Lane

Kooning, Fairfield Porter and William Merritt Chase for the museum-quality "Water" show. His openings are packed with a lively crowd filled with younger generations of de Koonings and Schnabels. He had an exhibition booth for the first time this year at artMRKT which

showcased an impressive series of "Wave Paintings" by Darius Yekta.

Across the street at 25 Jobs Lane is the new Southampton Center, at the former Parrish Museum location. Plans are underway to fully restore and renovate the (Cont'd on next page)

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historic building with architecture firm Machado & Silvetti to make it more flexible for a variety of events. The space had been filled to the gills for decades with the Parrish's shows and it never had enough room for their permanent collection. The advisory council includes Alec Baldwin and Chuck Scarborough, so perhaps more media and films are on the way.

Driving up North Sea Road, you'll see the Keszler Gallery has taken up permanent residence in the old power station at 200 North Sea Road, utilizing both the rough industrial interior and the raised outside grassy front as a sculpture exhibit space.

Owner Stephan Keszler has closed his downtown Southampton space, as well as his Manhattan gallery, though he still maintains an office in the city. Keszler first used the space for his controversial Banksy exhibit in 2011, and there are still large (non-authenticated) Banksy wall artworks on display.

"Look at this space," he enthuses, gesturing up to the vaulted heights. "The ceiling, the light. It's just a great flexible space for all kinds of art. We put in some walls, and updated the ventilation system. This will be my main location now."

The spaces formerly occupied by some galleries in Main Street storefronts in Southampton have experienced growing pains in just a few seasons. Artists are usually looking to trade up to bigger sized art with public commissions and museums in mind.



Gallerist Andrea Bejsovec

In a bittersweet move, Andrea Bejsovec became the new owner of Chrysalis Gallery in Southampton. The mainstay corner gallery at Main and Hill Street was owned by Agnes Ehrenreich for 19 years, before her sudden passing in July.

"I had been working at the Mercedes-Benz dealership for many years," says Bejsovec, "and had seen Agnes there on occasion. She was always so elegant looking, even when I could see she was frustrated about some issues she was having with her car. When I decided to make a career move she offered to take me on and teach me everything she knew about art, as



Keszler Gallery on North Sea Road in Southampton

I did not have much background."

Bejsovec is originally from California where she attended UCLA and studied psychology. Her degree has helped in her high-end sales positions, as reading peoples' needs and wants is a big part of it. She is married and has three daughters and three chihuahuas.

"After I started at Chrysalis I read as much as I could and took courses in art history. After a few years, I felt ready to open my own gallery but then Agnes offered me a partnership contract, which I accepted. This is such a wonderful cornerstone location, and I came to really love the people and customers and artists here. *(Cont'd on next page)*

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## Art (Continued from previous page)



Stephan Keszler with Banksy's Wet Dog

She was already in her 70s, and while she was not looking to retire she was looking to the future. She was from Hungary, and at one point had been a chemist, so had quite a varied background.

"She really cared about everyone to the point where we had 60 artists represented at the gallery," Bejsovec continues. "It was difficult to show them all and give them the attention they need, even with two floors of exhibition space and a back garden, but she had a hard time letting go of any of them."

Ehrenreich had surgery in July and was released from the hospital. By the time her husband got her home, she had a complication and passed away.



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"It was such a shock," Bejsovec says, "I closed the gallery to grieve and sort out the legal end of things. After a few weeks I felt better and realized I needed to get the gallery open again as it was still summer and I know she would have wanted it that way. I also had many calls from the community asking me to please stay open and keep this space." But with the reopening came house-cleaning.

"I needed to pare down our artist roster, so I soon got our list down to 30 artists, cleaned the gallery out a bit to give the work some breathing room, and put in a bench and comfortable chairs," she says. "The collectors we have are smart and buy what they like for their homes here—I wanted to make it feel more welcoming and open for them and for new visitors."

Bejsovec says she knows the personal stories of every artist she represents now and feels she can devote more exhibition space and time to them.

"I plan to do about five exhibitions a year to spotlight a few artists at a time. All our artists are living and while we primarily have painters, we have been doing well with sculpture and I want to utilize the back garden more as an exhibition space."

The gallery will also be exhibiting more contemporary and abstract works by new and young artists, a whole area in the lower floor has been set up to showcase this now.

"Agnes taught me so much, and I will certainly keep her spirit in the gallery," Bejsovec says. "I want to continue to be part of the community here and honor the promise I made to her. I found a place here that I really care for, and I believe artists are special people who look at life with an open heart."

Between the spectrum of galleries, a doubling in size of Art Southampton fair this summer and the ever-expanding exhibitions at the new Parrish Art Museum, Southampton Town is becoming a center of a thriving art community. 

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# Hamptons Collegiate Baseball Comes to Montauk in 2014

BY KELLY LAFFEY

The Yankees got All-Star catcher Brian McCann and outfielders Jacoby Ellsbury and Carlos Beltran. The Mets got slugger Curtis Granderson and pitcher Bartolo Colon. Big deal. Montauk is getting an entire team. The Hamptons hot stove league has come to a boil as residents of Montauk learned they should get ready to go from the beach to the ball field next summer, as the Hamptons Collegiate Baseball League announced that the league's seventh team, the Montauk Mustangs, will begin play in June 2014.

"Establishing a team in Montauk has been on the league's radar even from the very start, and we're so pleased that it has come to fruition," said HCBL President Brett Mauser in a release. "We look forward to bringing free family entertainment to Montauk each summer in the form of high-caliber college baseball action, and thank those in the community and with the school district for pledging their support."

The squad will play on the field at the Montauk Public School, and the nickname is a salute to the hamlet's grammar school teams. "[Since] we're using their field, it's only appropriate that the college team is the Mustangs, too," says Mustangs general manager Robert Aspenleiter, a Montauk resident. He hopes that the younger kids will be inspired when they see the older guys walking around town with the same mascot on their uniforms. Aspenleiter has coached baseball for 30 years, involved on and off with various travel and high school teams.

With their admittance into the league, the Mustangs will work with area businesses to renovate the field, including the construction of "The Montauk Monster"—a high fence in left-center. "The field is only 301 feet in left-center. To make it more difficult [to hit homeruns], we have to get the fence a lot higher," says Aspenleiter. The wall's name takes its inspiration from the Montauk Monster, a mysterious carcass that washed up on the beach in July 2008, and the Green Monster, a 37-foot-2-inch wall in left field at Boston's Fenway Park. Fittingly, Montauk holds the unique distinction of being the only Hamptons Collegiate Baseball team that technically plays in Red Sox territory, as opposed to Yankees territory—as the crow flies, Montauk Point is closer to Fenway than to Yankee Stadium, 96.56 miles away vs. 109.27 miles away, respectively.

The Mustangs will join the North Fork Ospreys, Riverhead Tomcats, Sag Harbor Whalers, Shelter Island Bucks, Southampton Breakers and Westhampton Aviators in vying for the league title over the summer. As announced in October, the Center Moriches Battlecats, who played in the league for the past two seasons, will not participate this summer. The 2014 season, HCBL's seventh, will feature a total of 140 regular-season games, all providing free, family-friendly entertainment. The season culminates with the best-of-three HCBL championship series in the first week of August.

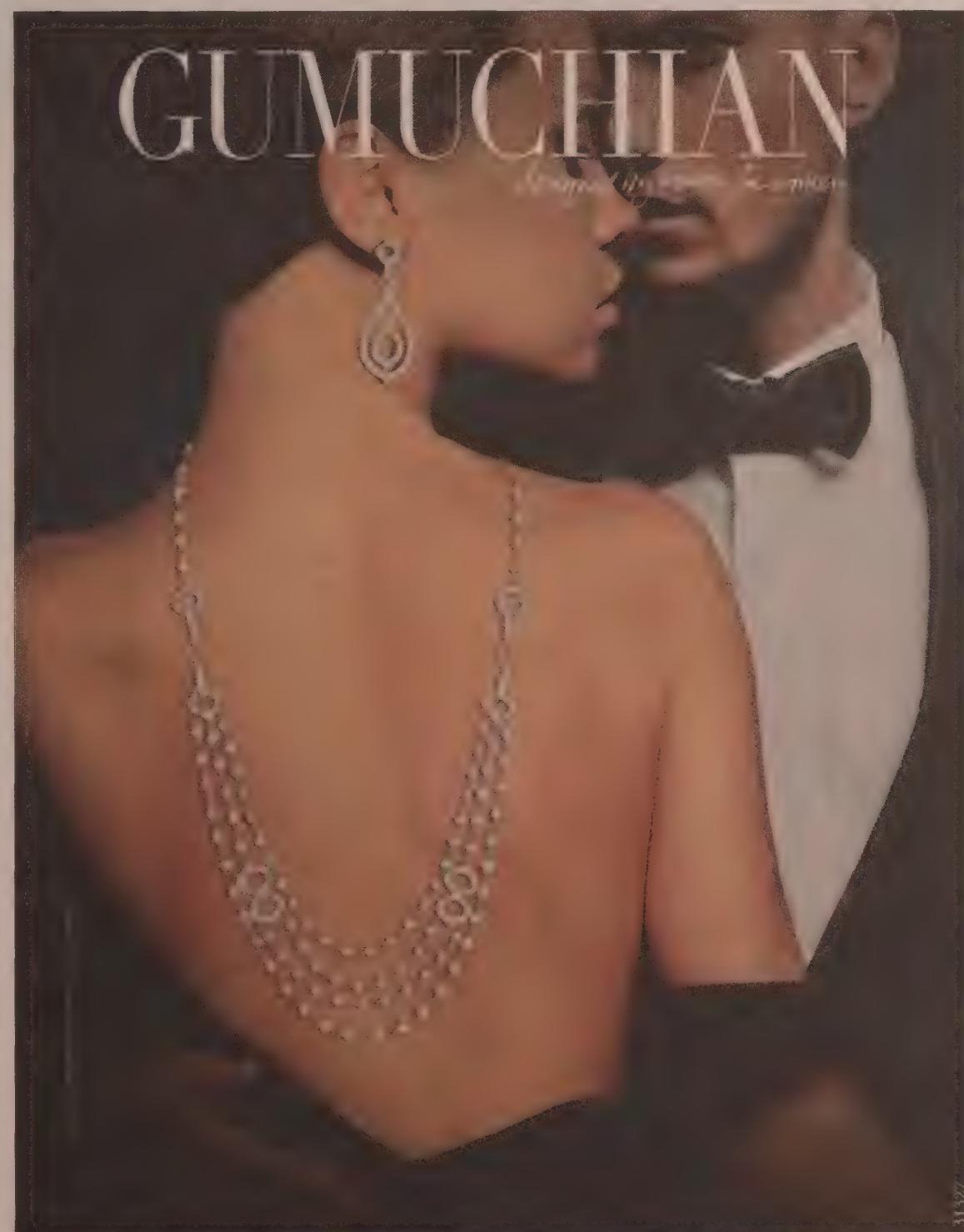
The Mustangs have begun to work with East Hampton schools to get students involved in community service and maybe even get a jump on a career. Grammar school kids would be tapped to be bat boys and girls, while those

at East Hampton High School will have the opportunity to announce players as they come up to bat, appropriate for "anyone looking to get into sports management, sports marketing or someone who is comfortable with public speaking," says Aspenleiter.

Aspenleiter credited Lynden Restrepo, Perry "Chip" Duryea III, Dave Rutkowski, Lee White, Bill McKee and Margaret McKeon with helping establish and develop the Mustangs, building on the blocks laid by Suffolk County Legislator and Montauk resident Jay Schneiderman. "We

would especially like to thank the local school board for allowing us to use the facility," says Aspenleiter, who notes that the team also hopes to begin building a network of families to host players for the two-month season. "The program will never be successful unless we find families to house 27 kids."

For more information about hosting a player to become a part of the Mustangs committee, email Robert Aspenleiter at [oemcorp1@optonline.net](mailto:oemcorp1@optonline.net) or call him at 631-903-1010. ■



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## Santa (Continued from page 48)

but then, when they realized the situation, they discussed things with the townspeople and it was decided to put up a little red flag on a chimney top when they left to go back to the city at Labor Day. Still today, you sometimes see a red flag on a chimney on a big house.

Around 1920, telephone poles were built throughout America to provide electricity to all the houses. Santa opposed this at first, saying that his reindeer and sleigh could get tangled up in these wires, but then, when they electrified the North Pole workshop and his home, he changed his mind. As a result, at that time he obtained the services of a reindeer named Rudolph, who had a very shiny nose that glowed. With that, Santa and his reindeer worked out various flying maneuvers to get over or under the wires where he encountered them.

During World War II (1941–45), there were times when "blackouts" were ordered for the Hamptons and elsewhere. Residents were required, after sundown, to close the curtains on all windows and keep all the lights off until dawn. There was fear that the Germans might conduct air raids over America and the idea was that if no lights were on in a town or city, the pilots would be unable to see their targets.

This was very successful. No German planes ever bombed the East Coast. But it did cause distress for Santa Claus. For one thing, one night when a blackout coincided with Christmas Eve, he couldn't even find eastern Long Island,

much less the Hamptons. The reason was, he had to abide by the law as did everybody else, which in his case meant he had to switch off Rudolph's nose. After that, secret negotiations were conducted between the Americans and the Germans, and with an agreement that the Germans wouldn't bomb on Christmas Eve, everything returned to normal.

Today, celebrities occupy many houses in the Hamptons. When they first started coming here, this presented another kind of problem. Inside the houses, the children lay in their beds, dreaming of sugarplums and waiting for their presents. But up on the roofs, security men, hired by the celebrities and always on

the lookout for paparazzi trying to sneak in to photograph where they shouldn't, mistook the sound of sleigh bells for an arriving celebrity magazine helicopter. A whole incident happened that first year, but after that Christmas, it all got sorted out.

Today when Santa approaches, all he has to do is shout "ho, ho, ho" and the security men hop to it, directing the sleigh to a proper landing and keeping guard on him as he slides down the chimneys to leave off the presents.

And so, today, Christmas remains a wonderful time. And everything has been all worked out. It is a day to celebrate the birth of our Lord and, well, you know the rest. ☺



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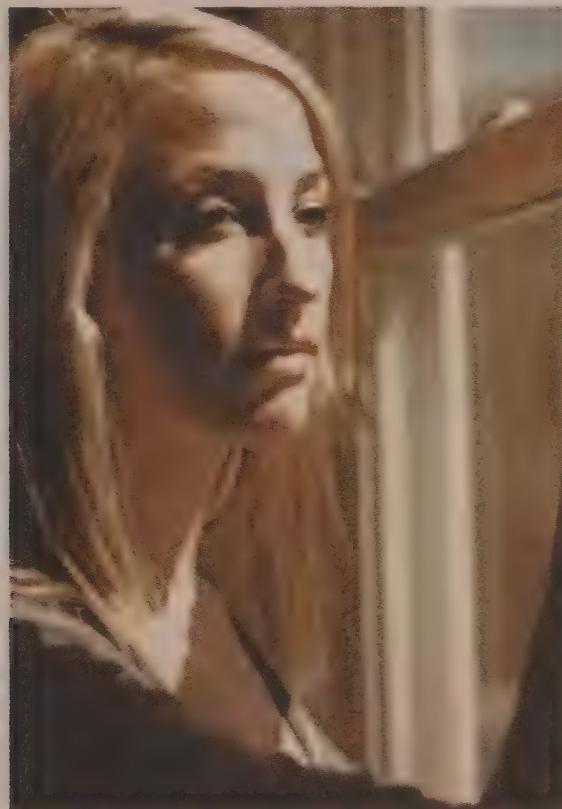


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❖ GUEST ESSAY ❖

# Deer Run Diary

BY DAVID RISK

**F**eb. 14

Breakfast with Maureen at Hampton Coffee Company. She orders grapefruit juice and poached eggs. I have two beers and rye toast. She'd like to come by and pick up the last of her things from my hall closet. "You could probably use the space," she says. Right. Space. The one commodity I lack. To store my barnacles and my disappointments. Then we step out into a cold February morning on Montauk Highway, conspiring to look like a Fairfield Porter painting. The sun just rising at our backs, touching the tops of buildings and turning them rose and orange. I give Maureen a squeeze and walk her to her car. How many times have I held her face in the early morning half light believing it would always be mine to behold? People are like that. Believing that their prized possessions will always be prized. Will forever be possessed.

Feb. 17: I stare into the hall closet before Maureen shows up to empty it of any evidence that we were once a couple. Somewhere inside is my pitiable porn collection, which consists of one solitary title, *Rena Ryan: Reference Librarian*. It's been years since I looked at it but I remember it vividly. I never fast-forwarded through the dull parts. I'd watch every scene. There was actually a kind of plot to it. Rena was freakishly intolerant of any extraneous noise in the library. The movie catalogued the lengths to which she'd go to enforce the "no talking" rule, employing her own body parts

to achieve compliance. Scholar or scoundrel, being caught between the stacks took on a whole new meaning when you were up against this literary vixen. Her erotic disciplinary measures included something she called "the Dewy Dismal System," which could leave one panting and moist, if it ever came to that. And it always did.

I felt sorry for the actress playing Rena. She was breathtakingly beautiful and more than capable of rudimentary acting skills. Couldn't she have found a place in the legitimate theater? To my mind, she was at her most appealing in the non-sex scenes. Her fiendish insistence on library protocol was reminiscent of a Rosalind Russell performance. It was only in the sex scenes that Rena's eyes would glaze over, her thoughts undecipherable. With my Maureen, it was just the opposite: the fierce clarity of Rosalind Russell during sex; the pathological discipline of Rena Ryan during everyday life.

March 2: Sitting up listening to Gluck's *Iphigenia In Aulis* at four in the morning and running dangerously low on Johnny Walker. Increasing despair as it becomes all too clear, early in Act One, that Athens will lose the Peloponnesian War. Drat the luck.

March 15: It's a sad thing when a man loses his confidence. Oh, how to get it back once you discover how easy it is to lose it. At the moment, it's impossible to summon up belief in myself... so the world lacks charm.

And to think I used to be the apple of every law professor's eye. Bright, charming, most likely to succeed. I was fooled into believing that practicing law was a vocation of honor and nobility. By whose definition? Certainly not corporate law. These corporate gods of greed. These gatekeepers. They usurp all of nature and then sell it (Cont'd on next page)



This essay is one of the many nonfiction essays entered in the Dan's Papers \$6,000 Literary Prize competition. We editors liked this entry and present it here, hoping you'll like it, too.



David Risk, a South Shore Suffolk County resident, translates Sicilian poetry into English with a collection to be published in 2014. He's currently at work on a Tennessee Williams memoir, "Tennessee And Me."

## Guest (Continued from previous page)

back to people in little pieces. They have no respect for the law or for the lawyer. And I have nothing but contempt for them. What I was doing could be done by anyone with a law degree and an \$800 suit. How amazing it was to have garnered so much self-esteem... and so little self-respect. So many of us, nothing more than well paid clerks, whose job it was to keep the government off their backs. They wanted to be able to continue storing coal tailings in unsafe sludge ponds. They wanted to be able to continue dumping polyethylene terephthalate into the Lehigh River. Even when they know plastics are not inert. They are biologically active. They are toxins. All they want is to be able to continue making money with as little interference as possible. And I'm supposed to

defend that? That's not why I became a lawyer. The world has changed its aspect so much since I started out. It's so much grimmer than my expectations. I'm on the other side, for Chrissake. This was the hypocrisy that drove me into shedding my skin. So be it.

March 17: Finally arrive at the Coveleski's for dinner. Mibbs and Charley are there, Joanne and her sister and two Italians who recite Irish poetry with their Sicilian accent. Yeats said that "art is a quarrel with oneself, not with others." He might have changed his mind had he known any Sicilians. After dinner we all paraded to the Blue Collar and sang Irish songs and had a great time until someone came in and put on the juke box and spoiled our fun.

March 23: Leaving voicemails on cell phones

is like leaving hostages to fate. I left a long rambling message for Maureen about shedding my skin. It was late at night and probably made little sense. I just wanted someone to talk to. She texted back three days later: "Shedding your skin? Really? And now you think you're going to make me shed mine. No thanks."

April 20: Breakfast with Jugger on Mecox Road. A friend of his drops by and joins us for coffee. "Ian Amberley here. Earl of Antrim. Delighted to meet you," he says in a crisp British accent. He's a tall, heavy set man with greasy, stringy hair, curly and decidedly too long. His complexion is ravaged and he's dressed in a white suit, alarmingly formal for so early in the day. We get on well enough and he insists I join him for cocktails at the Maidstone Club this evening. "8:30 should be fine. Just say you're a guest of the Earl." I arrive 10 minutes early but it doesn't matter. The Earl is 40 minutes late. His excuse has something to do with the excessive burden of peerage and his recent appointment to the Board of the Art Society of Ulster. He rambles on about the necessity of physical beauty in life and how it has become his solitary addiction. "Ahhh, the analgesic power of beauty," he proclaims. His addiction to liquor seems not to register with him, although it makes a strong impression on anyone in his midst. He tells me all the details of how his father "introduced Eddie to Wallis Simpson and how he lived to regret it. It all came about because of a casual remark Mrs. Simpson made about the lack of central heating in British country homes."

At one point, I silently question whether anything about the Earl or anything he says can be credited but decide to go along for the ride. What a ride. Home on Deer Run at 5:30 a.m., sober, refreshed and exhilarated.

May 25: It takes supreme fortitude or supreme ignorance to survive in this world. Being neither blessed with the one nor cursed with the other, I stumble and fall into that expansive tract of uncertainty. Not an excuse here; just a stab at explication. Oh, the fragility of confidence.

I was never aware of how difficult life was, and now that I am aware of it... I'm not sure the knowledge helps.

June 5: A tall, long-haired woman has just moved into the house across the street on Deer Run. Tonight she is silhouetted against the light from her living room. She appears to be watering the plants on her porch. She pauses. Then she bends her head forward and starts brushing the cascade of her inverted tresses. Using the drawstrings on my venetian blinds, I Morse Code her a "hello," a feeble pebble tossed into the ocean, to sink without notice. A prodigal leap of faith. She takes her brush and her watering can and steps inside. Her lights go dark. Her lights come back on. Dark. Light. Dark. Light. She's flicking them on and off! She is signaling back to me in Morse Code, repeating my greeting. Dear God! Then a phone number. Then a rendezvous at Muse. Who needs new media when old smoke signals work just as well.

Her name is Patty Powell and she's a pilot for Delta. We sit at the bar and watch an electric eel slink past a porcupine shrimp in a tank. She orders grapefruit juice, straight up, and tells me that Switzerland seems more like an arrangement than a country. "Don't you agree?"

I want to laugh but dare not risk it. I pat the back of her hand resting on the mahogany and say, "Oh yes, I wholeheartedly agree." 



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# Airing Your Winter Workout Grievances

BY KELLY LAFFEY



Merry Christmas, *Dan's Papers* readers!

With weather that begs days indoors by the fire and copious quantities of holiday treats at your disposal, it's easy to lose motivation to get outside and be active in the wintertime. But if your New Year's resolution has something to do with living a healthier lifestyle, or if you're the anytime-is-outdoors-time kind of person, then winter on the East End provides ample opportunities.

The recent cold snap and pathological darkness has prompted me to take my fitness activities indoors, and I'm taking advantage of Lululemon East Hampton "12 Days of Sweat" campaign. They began offering daily, complimentary fitness classes headed by a teacher from various East End studios and gyms in their upstairs loft on December 12. The sweating doesn't stop until Christmas Eve Eve (a.k.a. Festivus). But not even the chilly temps can steer me away from the Ugly Sweater Run, which caps off the campaign on December 23, just in time to get you feeling good for Christmas.



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Run with Lululemon in East Hampton on December 23.

After the holidays, Lululemon East Hampton will continue to periodically offer free, in-store community fitness events. Check out their Facebook page for additional info.

Next on my list of winter activities to try this year is the underappreciated skiing activities on the East End. Yes, skiing. Montauk has a high density of state parks, providing ample opportunity to cross-country ski. Camp Hero State Park, Shadmoor State Park, Montauk State Park and Hither Hills State Park all encompass skiing trails.

On weekends, I try to take advantage of the daylight hours by running outside. Despite the well-below-average temperatures we've been experiencing, cold-weather running is not only possible, it's a proven way to get over the "winter blues" that come with the shorter days. The key is to dress appropriately and to take the proper precautions before heading out. Dress in layers, and wear breathable fabrics. The danger with wearing heavy items is that sweat can dry and act as a cooling agent, but dressing in layers allows you to add and remove clothes as necessary. A waterproof and

windproof outer shell is best, especially for running by the breezy East End beaches.

As the holidays are prime time to give back, a new app makes it possible to log miles while donating to your favorite charity. Charity Miles is a free phone app that allows you to earn corporate sponsorships for various charities whenever you walk, run or bike. As you get moving, the app tracks your distance and sponsors donate money to your selected charity. Runners and walkers earn 25 cents for every mile completed; bikers earn 10 cents. As of right now, it's only possible to use the app outside, where a GPS can track your mileage, but the app is scheduled to soon work indoors with treadmills and stationary bikes. You can

choose to donate the ASPCA, Autism Speaks, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Stand Up to Cancer, The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, The Nature Conservancy or Wounded Warrior Project, among others.

Walkers can join the Southampton Trails Preservation Society and East Hampton Trails Preservation Society on their weekly hikes.

Of course, in the midst of holiday do-gooding, don't forget to celebrate the most time-honored of December traditions: Festivus. I've been thinking about how people have disappointed me by preparing for the Airing of Grievances all year. I'm not yet sure who will compete in the Feats of Strength, but maybe I'll be properly prepared after all of this holiday working out...

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# Surviving the Holiday Road Trip

BY MATTHEW APFEL

## DOCTOR GADGET



The holidays are in full gear, which means that many of us are about to embark on a time-honored ritual: the holiday road trip.

For some, this might mean a quick drive into the city or a road trip to visit relatives. For millions of others, the holiday trip means a long flight to warmer climates or far-flung destinations. This isn't another rant about crowded airplanes and insanely stupid TSA security procedures. I'd rather focus on a

few cool devices to smooth your journey and improve your travel experience.

### Pick a Tablet, Any Tablet

As many of you know, the FAA finally relaxed rules requiring you to turn off electronic devices on takeoff and landing. I first wrote about this back in October, and I'm here to report that I recently took my first cross-country flight under the new rules. It was breathtaking—kind of jarring, actually. I had become so used to furtively checking my phone that I instinctively hunched over whenever the flight attendant walked past. On final approach, she tapped me on the shoulder and told me that we no longer need to live in shame, or in fear.

Plus, my kids were silent for six hours.



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Sometimes, milk and cookies just aren't enough.

### Get Some Rest

Now that your kids are sufficiently distracted, it's time to sit back and relax. You might even find some time to put on your headphones and sleep. There's one problem: your crappy airline pillow keeps getting tangled under your headphones, making it difficult to get comfy.

Check out a gadget called Sound Oasis pillow speakers. They are high-fidelity, ultra-thin stereo speakers that can be positioned underneath a pillow or even directly inside it. They plug into your mp3 player, smartphone, tablet or laptop and enable you to hear the music without headphones. Much more comfortable for you—and since the speakers are embedded inside the pillow, the volume is low enough to avoid disturbing fellow travellers. With a retail price under \$25, they're worth a shot. Or a listen.

### Talk About It

While we're on the topic of headphones, I often encounter another headphone problem that has to do with compatibility. I love my Bose noise reduction headphones; they deliver awesome sound and help me block out the world around me. And millions of others are using Beats by Dre and other high-end headphones.

But what if I want to make a phone call? Therein lies the problem: many headphones don't have a microphone, so you need to switch to ear buds.

Try the Moov Mic. It's a simple device that turns earphones into a fully conversational headset. Once connected, you get the best of both worlds: high quality audio for your music, and an equally strong microphone for your calls. And you never need to switch units.

Like Sound Oasis, the Moov Mic retails for under \$25, so it's a viable option if you want to consolidate gadgets and simplify your travel.

### Drive It Home

When you finally arrive at your destination, you'll need a taxi. Rather than waiting in line or calling a car services, try Uber. It's been around for a while, and I should have written about it earlier. I wasn't a huge fan, because I found the price too high to justify the convenience. Or maybe I'm just old and set in my ways.

Recently I used Uber twice once in New York City and once in San Francisco—and was pleasantly surprised. The App itself is one of the smartest ones I've ever used. It could not be easier to operate and manage. Within seconds, my phone located a nearby car, showed me its position on a map, and even delivered reviews of the driver. He showed up exactly when promised. Payment was even easier. Uber stores your credit card, so the driver is paid automatically, without filling out credit card forms or emptying all the cash from your wallet.

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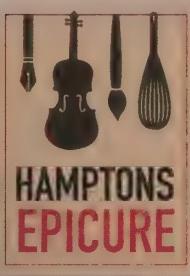
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# Please Pass the Entire Turkey

BY STACY DERMONT



Are you having ham or turkey for Christmas dinner? My family has Irish roots, so the answer is "Yes." Too much is just right. Ham is easy, turkey can be a little tricky.

Coincidence prevails here on the East End of Long Island. Give someone the finger when they cut you off at a light, it'll turn out that that person was in a hurry for a meeting with you and your boss. Get into an argument with your kid's teacher, her husband—the local fire inspector—will show up at your rental property the next day.

Last month our editorial staff was planning a big potluck dinner together, which gave our web editor Brendan J. O'Reilly an opportunity to tell the story of a particular Thanksgiving dinner hosted by a friend. This friend pulled out all the stops and cooked up a big bird and invited the whole famdamily. The guy had worked as a cook, so it wasn't a stretch for him to prepare a big spread, with his wife assisting. Family members were invited to bring a dish of their choice.



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So, what did his mother-in-law bring to the feast? A roasted turkey. She didn't trust his handiwork—obviously. So the family was strictly divided that year—not over light or dark meat, but over whose turkey they consumed.

We all agreed that there is NEVER a time when it's appropriate to take a turkey to a Thanksgiving dinner—until this past Thanksgiving.

Jeanelle Myers, *Dan's Papers*' "View from the Garden" columnist, once again invited my husband and me over for Thanksgiving dinner. Last year, our first with her crew, was lovely but turkey-free. She's vegetarian, her husband Terry "The Performing Plumber" Sullivan isn't. He bought a pair of roast chickens. It was tasty...but not turkey. So, testing the limits and dimensions of our friendship, I asked Jeanelle if I could bring a turkey this year. She agreed immediately. That part was easy.

I went out and bought a brined kosher bird

and threw it into the vegetable drawer of our fridge. Then my ever-practical husband inquired in a rather alarmed tone, "But how will we get it there?!" Hmm. Five blocks is too far to carry a cooked turkey. We have a van, but since it's perpetually full of my husband's sound equipment, I'm not allowed to soil it in any way. I said, "We'll wrap it in foil and throw it in a big pan." But he scoffed, "What about the half-hour of resting time? If we show up with the turkey we'll have to eat it immediately—that's not normal. Usually people chat and snack and drink cocktails before they sit down to eat."

Oh, I see, now our neighborhood gang of artists and hippies is standing on ceremony. I said, "Fine, you go and chat, I'll show up at the

appointed time with the beast. That's normal, everybody knows I'm allergic to small talk." He harrumphed.

I brought my turkey dilemma to the office, where assistant editor Lee Meyer chimed in with some solid advice: "You need a warm body to hold it in the backseat—gravy on the side, of course." Apparently his family has made turkey transport a holiday tradition.

In the end we arrived as a family—mother, father and roast bird right on time. And when we got there, 10 people were standing around the dinner table, waiting for the guest of honor. He was hot, moist and much appreciated.

My husband added the following line to this week's column: "The turkey was good, too."



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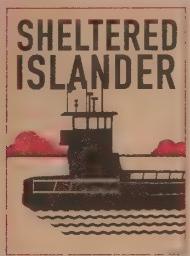
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# Wrap It Up, Wrap It In, Top Wrapping Tips

BY SALLY FLYNN



I recall as a child that there were two kinds of Christmas wrapping paper. One was a large roll wrapped alone, usually fancy. We never bought that one. We bought the cheap, small package of four rolls. Wrapping paper, one roll of tape, and we were on our way. But every year we made the same mistake and had to go back to the store to buy a second roll of tape the next day.

Next came the debate. Should you randomly wrap everyone's gifts in any of the papers, or use one pattern for each person, turning Christmas morning into a somewhat organized chaos? I remember one problem using the one-pattern-per-person theory was that it easily backfired when the children started to count how many presents they got. You can obscure the number of presents a child has by using different wrappings, but if each kid has their own pattern it's only a matter of time before they discover who got how many gifts and, in true Christmas spirit, begin fighting. The fact that one toy is more expensive than another does not count to a child. Plus, when you're all done with the wrapping paper, the empty tubes become fighting swords for the next morning's joust.

Somewhere there is a hall of shame for

horrible gift wrappers. The first face you'll see in there is mine. Never in my life have I successfully wrapped a gift that didn't look like a committee of drunks did it. I always got the paper wrong and had to cut off some of the length and add it to the width to make it perfect. I work on making those nice little hospital corners but they always look like they got run over by a dump truck.

I can get a ribbon wrapped around the box, but then I have to face my nemesis—the bow. Nowadays, I just press in the pre-made bows. But in the olden days, we had to make our own. Once you tied the ribbon around the present, you had long strips left-over which theoretically were self-curling ribbons but weren't exactly self-curling. You had to open a scissor, place the ribbon on the blade, place your thumb against the ribbon which is against the blade, pull tight, and pull the ribbon through to make it curl, but not with so much power that you would make it straight. An open blade, my thumb pressing down hard, anything can slip in any direction, what could possibly go wrong with that? You had to do this another 15 times to get enough self-curling ribbons to make a fancy bow, plus with 15 ribbons it was easy to hide the ones with the blood underneath.

I recall wrapping parties with my mother,



Did I do an okay wrapping job?

grandmother and aunt. The one problem we constantly had was we got so caught up in our wrapping, we commonly neglected to label the gift. We had to tear open a corner until we figured out what was inside. Then we had to patch it up so that no one would know what stupid elves we were.

Leftover wrapping paper was put away for next year. Now I think to myself how ridiculous it is to save 89 cents worth of paper. But my grandmother went through the Depression and had a poem she liked to recite. "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without."

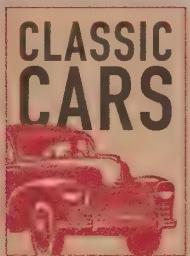
People who lived through that era are notably frugal, and if my grandmother could figure a way to put a patch on a popped balloon, she would.

Now, wrapping is a breeze. I love the pre-fabricated bags you just drop the present in. And if you order online, they wrap it for you. The days of shamefully handing over a gift that looks like I wrapped it in the car on my way over are gone.

Such a simple task, wrapping a box. How can it challenge me the way it does? I actually took a three-hour gift-wrapping class a few years ago. I failed wrapping, but took a medal for origami model of a DNA helix. Not exactly what I was going for, since I was trying to wrap socks. Well, happy wrapping and Merry Christmas. ☺

# Four-Wheel Drive: Safety in the Winter

BY BOB GELBER



As I write this article, my driveway is covered in ice and snow. It's on days like today that I miss my old Range Rover. Even though it was practical in inclement weather and you can't beat that beautiful wood and leather interior, I got rid of the old girl because it was a bore to drive. That's perhaps the biggest problem with most four-wheel drive SUVs. They are usually rather weak in the handling department. On top of that, you pay a premium to purchase them and keep on supporting their fuel-drinking habit. But, truth be told, when it's white outside, they are the most beautiful beasts on the highway.

It was many years ago, say before 1950, that very few people owned four-wheel drive vehicles. Actually, until right after World War II, when the Kaiser Jeep decided to market the military Jeep for civilian use. For the record, the first Jeep ads were actually aimed at the rural farmers and their needs. Jeep sales took off, and other models were introduced.

This success did not go unnoticed by the British Rover Car Company. Rover designed a car that looked quite similar to the little American Jeep, and called it the Land Rover. The rest is history. Eventually, the Jeep morphed into a more civilized model that was called the Jeep

Wagoneer, and again Rover followed the Yanks with a new luxury model called the Range Rover. It can be said that American Motors and Jeep invented the luxury SUV as we now know it.

Four-wheel drive is certainly not new. The idea and system was invented in 1893 by an English engineer. In 1899, Dr. Ferdinand Porsche

invented a four-wheel drive vehicle that had an electric motor in the hub of each wheel that was powered by an onboard gasoline generator. This Lohner-Porsche, as it was called, was perhaps not only the world's first four-wheel drive vehicle, but the world's first hybrid. However, Porsche's invention was used as a military transporter and not sold to the public. The first true four wheel car was built soon after and it was called a Spyker, a 60 horsepower car designed to race in the mountains of Europe.

Speaking of racing and snow, one cannot fail to mention the most famous car rally in the world, the Monte-Carlo Rally that takes place every year around mid-January through the French Alps. Way before the popularity of four-wheel drive cars, racers were driving this course in two-wheel drive cars at breakneck speed through winter conditions that would even keep Santa Claus home on Christmas Eve. To many, it was pure madness to see these race drivers drifting sideways around curves like



Drive safely this winter!

drunken madmen on roads that were slick with sheet ice and snow. Some of the surprise winners in the days before four-wheel drive were the little Mini Coopers, along with Saabs and Citroens. These modest cars' secret of success was that they were all front-wheel drive vehicles, which had more grip in the snow than competitors' rear-

wheel drive cars. It wasn't until Audi eventually introduced its four-wheel drive Quattro model that everyone soon converted to this type of go-in-the-snow 4 WD system.

Most two-wheel drive cars today are front-wheel drive, and they are as good in the snow as those early rally cars mentioned above. When two-wheel drive cars are fitted with snow tires on all four wheels, they can be excellent in snowy conditions. The Bridgestone Tire Company once invited me to test drive a front-wheel drive car fitted with Bridgestone Blizzak snow tires on an indoor hockey rink. I could barely walk to the car. I drove the car at modest speed on the ice and it accelerated, handled and stopped as if it were on dry concrete. Truly amazing and food for thought.

One of the benefits of snow is the beauty of the Hamptons landscape. So when the sun finally melts whatever ice is on the roads, go for a spin. Oops, not really! Happy holidays to all. ☺

# NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY KELLY LAFFEY

## Tax Relief Commission Endorses Thiele's Legislation to Raise Estate Tax Exemption

**ALBANY:** The New York State Tax Relief Commission has gotten behind legislation introduced by State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. that would raise the estate tax exemption from \$1 million to \$5 million. Thiele said, "The estate tax has been a major disincentive to agriculture on the East End. Farmers have been often forced to sell farmland to developers in order to pay the tax. It has had a similar adverse impact on small businesses...Because the exemption amount has not been adjusted to keep pace with home values...middle income residents are finding themselves subject to the tax."

The tax relief commission, whose members are appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo, aims to increase the exemption to \$5.25 million and to reduce the tax rate from 16% to 10%. According to Thiele's office, only two states have a lower exemption amount than New York's current rate of \$1 million. Raising the exemption is expected to save taxpayers \$381 million.

## Project Most Chooses Mayor for a Day

**EAST HAMPTON:** East Hampton Village Mayor Paul Rickenback has chosen Michael Hill as Mayor for the Day. Hill will be honored on Dec. 20 with a presentation at village hall at 11 a.m. Mayor Rickenback first met Hill at a check ceremony last year and was so impressed by his personality that he has followed Hill's progress in school. Hill is a fourth grader at John Marshall Elementary School who has been attending Project MOST, which provides afterschool supervision in a learning environment, since kindergarten. "Anyone who knows Michael knows he is the warmest, most personable kid you'll ever want to meet. His strengths in academics are in math, social studies and science," says Project MOST Executive Director Tim Bryden.

## Montauk Coast Guard Receive Award for Summer Rescue

**MONTAUK:** For their impossible rescue of a lobsterman who fell off a fishing boat miles off shore on July 24, members of Coast Guard Station Montauk were presented with the guard's Meritorious Team Commendation on Friday. Capt. Edward J. Cubanski, the commander of Sector Long Island Sound, made the presentation at Montauk Fire Department, and the lobsterman, John Aldridge, was on hand as well.

Aldridge was at sea for more than 12 hours before the rescue, surviving by using his boots for floatation and swimming from buoy to buoy.

"It is important that we recognize the numerous people involved in making this a successful rescue mission," Cubanski said. "We owe thanks to the community members and port partners for their contributions in finding and bringing John home safely."

The search area was larger than 1,100 square miles. Coast Guard assets and local fishing boats headed out to sweep the area looking for Aldridge.

"The devotion to duty and the outstanding performance demonstrated by Station Montauk are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard," Cubanski said.

## Publick House to Host Event to Raise Money for St. Jude's Dec. 26



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**SOUTHAMPTON:** The giving spirit doesn't end after Christmas! Holiday cheer will continue on December 26, as the Southampton Publick House will host a special edition Ladies Night to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Organized by Hampton Bays residents Megan Flynn and Ana Guarino, the event is held in memory of Katie Spellman, a friend and fellow Hampton Bays resident who lost her battle with leukemia in 2008.

"Ana Guarino and myself were inspired to host the event in order to bring about awareness and to raise funds for our charity race," says Flynn. The girls will be running the Nashville Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon in April to raise money for St. Jude's.

"We chose St. Jude because it's a very well known and reputable charity," says Flynn, who is in her third year of medical school and plans on obtaining a residency in Emergency Medicine, eventually completing a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. "Eighty-one cents of every dollar goes straight to research and treatment at St. Jude Children's Hospital, where families never pay a dollar of their own money for treatment."

The event kicks off at 9 p.m., and money for St. Jude's will be raised in three ways. A portion of the night's \$5 cover charge will be donated. The evening will also feature a raffle with gift cards or merchandise from numerous local businesses, and all money raised from selling tickets will be donated. In addition, Flynn will be working behind the bar that evening, and she will donate all of her tips to St. Jude's.

## Southampton Town Will Buy Neptune Beach Club, Make It a Museum



**HAMPTON BAYS:** The Southampton Town Board voted unanimously last Tuesday to use the town's Community Preservation Fund to buy Neptune Beach Club in East Quogue and turn it into a museum and boardwalk. Neptune Beach Club, where the popular DJ Theo spins each Sunday during the summer, is also known as The Drift on summer Saturday nights. The club has sometimes drawn the ire of its Dune Road neighbors because of noise, traffic and drug arrests.

The owner has agreed to sell the 2.78-acre parcel for \$3.2 million. The town further budgeted \$1.2 million from the CPF for renovating the building and parking area and for constructing a boardwalk connecting the beach club property to the town's Tiana Activity Center next door, which was formerly Summers Beach Club.

Councilman Jim Malone pointed out Tuesday that Neptune Beach Club is a historic site. "What's really important with regard to this property is the record shows that the Neptune Beach Club—that will now be town-owned—is one of the earliest known African-American Coast Guard stations in the nation," Malone said.

The town board unanimously resolved to include a museum aspect in the renovated building recognizing this history.

The Neptune property is within the town's Shinnecock Bay Target Preservation Area, a stretch of barrier beach and marshland that the town calls "a key component of the South Shore Reserve Estuary system, one of the largest and most valuable estuaries along the Atlantic seaboard."

# DAN'S GOES TO...

## Greenport Village Santa Parade

Greenport residents gathered in the cold on December 8 to watch as Santa and Mrs. Claus made their way down Front Street in the annual Greenport Village Santa Parade. **Photographs by Nicholas Chowske**



Greenport Mayor David Nyce gets in the spirit



Greenport residents made their way down Front Street in the annual Greenport Village Santa Parade



Santa and Mrs. Claus

## South Street Gallery

### 10x10 Art Show and Sale

The South Street Gallery in Greenport held its 7th annual 10x10 Art Show and Sale on December 7. Artists produced more than 220 pieces for the event, which were then sold for \$100 each to benefit the North Fork Environmental Council.

**Photographs by Nicholas Chowske**



South Street Gallery owner Amy Worth with 10x10 artists Cindy Pease Roe and Suzanne Fokine



Emma Klinge, 10, points to where her painting had been before it sold



Artist John Phillip Capello with his painting "September"

## Greenport Shellabration 2013

Fourteen of Greenport's finest restaurants welcomed guests to enjoy their culinary creations using fresh, local shellfish paired with local wines for their second annual Shellabration event.

**Photographs by Nicholas Chowske**



1. Bruce Hopke welcomed guests to enjoy fresh gourmet oyster dishes at MAIN
2. Chef Robert Beaver serves Oysters Friskafella, NOFO chowder and Peconic Bay scallops with Sparkling Pointe Topaz Imperial at the Frisky Oyster



2.

## Wölffer Lighting of the Vines

Wölffer Estate Vineyard hosted its annual Lighting of the Vines on December 7. The event was held in conjunction with Wölffer's inaugural Festival of Trees, where guests bid on trees decorated by local businesses and personalities. At the cocktail party, guests were entertained with the musical stylings of Vanessa Trouble, a countdown to the lighting and a performance by winemaker Roman Roth. Just before the night came to a close, Roman's daughter, Indira Roth, dazzled by singing "My Grown Up Christmas List."

**Photographs by Kelly Laffey**



1. Lighting of the vines
2. Indira Roth capped off the night with a song
3. The Dan's Papers tree decorated by Barbara Feldman
4. Wölffer winemaker and partner Roman Roth

**NORTH FORK EVENTS**  
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# NORTH FORK

**ONE-WOMAN SHOW**  
 New local winery  
 receives top honors

## Your Holiday Guide to Giving Local Varietals

BY GIANNA VOLPE

A bottle of wine is perhaps the most classic offering for a guest to bestow upon their beloved host or hostess. And East Enders who want to share their wealth of local wine when traveling this holiday season have a plethora of options to choose from.

Dan's Papers picked the brains of local winemakers to find out which of their wines they think would pair best with the holiday meals, but for those who want to represent a specific winery, New York wine writer Don Schuman says it would be wise to go for a pinot noir or full-bodied chardonnay.

"It's subtle and goes great with fish as well [as turkey] and goes with all fowl," Schuman says of his red wine selection, adding, in regard to his suggestion for whites that, full-bodied chardonnays "are big enough to stand up to fowl, as well as fish."

If you're talking turkey, winemaker Rich Olsen-Harbich of Bedell Cellars says, "rich, full-flavored whites match nicely with the savory and sweet combos of a turkey dinner...as do lighter bodied reds like franc or pinot." He suggests his fans go with Bedell's gewürztraminer or cabernet franc.

"They seem to be able to work well with all the traditional flavor combinations," says Olsen-Harbich. "A barrel-fermented chard works well also."

Roman Roth of Wölffer Estate Vineyards also mentions a cabernet franc for those looking to drink Long Island wine this holiday season, suggesting a bottle of Wölffer's cabernet franc known as Caya.

Caya and Satalis Fatum, a red blend, are the two

reds I highly recommend for the holidays," Roth said, urging customers to snag a bottle from the 2010 vintage. "2010 was just fantastic and my two suggestions are among the amazing reds that have really surprised people as they have a quality level that stands up to the best wine in the world."

No matter which particular holiday party you're attending, Roth says Wölffer's Amarone-style cabernet sauvignon, Caletto, is a bottle that will help drive home the point that "Long Island is something special and can be featured and savored during the holidays." Made from dried grapes, the Caletto is a concentrated wine that Roth calls "just amazing" in its decadence and recommends it be served at the end of a heavy, long holiday meal such as a turkey dinner.

"Everything else is heavy, so the wine paired with the actual dinner should be lighter to balance the meal," he says. "After everything has been eaten you serve the Caletto to drive the point home that it's a special dinner." If you like the idea of using a bottle of wine to signal the end of an epic holiday meal, Roth said another choice can be found in their line of dessert wines. "Our ice wine, Diosa, is a beautiful dessert wine that comes in a small bottle but is enough for 20 people," he said.

Want to stick to reds? Winemaker Kareem Massoud of Aquebogue's Paumanok Vineyards, recently nominated for this year's "Best American Winery" by Wine Enthusiast magazine, suggests snagging a bottle of Paumanok's 30th anniversary wine.

"It was described in *The Wall Street Journal* as



The Sparkling Pointe tasting room

bearing 'comparison with Napa reds costing two to three times as much,' says Massoud, adding those who prefer to go white this season should find a perfect buy in the just-released 2009 blanc de blanc or the upcoming 2013 chenin blanc.

If you're a history lover, you may consider buying a bottle of Dos Aguas from Macari Vineyards in Mattituck. The bottle's label makes it the literal 'signature' wine of owner Joe Macari, who seeks to honor the area's very first farmers—the East End's Native Americans—with the red blend.

Another wine suggestion comes from Macari's winemaker, Kelly Urbanik. "The 2010 Bergen Road just came out and it's really delicious," says Urbanik, adding that her suggestion for whites can be found in the 2013 early wine, which is currently being bottled. 

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# Top Honors for New Local Winery

BY DEBBIE SLEVIN

Lisa Donneson burst onto the Long Island wine scene in a grand way. She had a full sweep at the New York Wine and Food Classic this year: her 2010 Bouquet White Dessert Wine won a Double Gold Medal, the 2012 Bouke Rose took Silver, and the 2010 Bouquet Red Dessert wine finished with a bronze. Donneson's company features two brands. Bouké is the label for her dry wines and Bouquet speaks to the aroma of the sweet wines.

We meet at a small café in Greenwich Village, Home Restaurant on Cornelia Street, where her wines have been featured. She is also in Empire State Cellars in Riverhead, McNamara Liquors in Bridgehampton, and has done tastings at Bay Burger in Sag Harbor. And—oh yes, she says quietly, Whole Foods! Whole Foods? That's a pretty big coup for a small wine maker, but Donneson is more than familiar with big business.

As a former securities analyst at Solomon Brothers, covering the media industry, she comes by her business savvy the old fashioned way: she worked at it. "They were a very powerful company," she says. "It was an exciting period, the market was very strong then." She now uses her abilities to promote her own brand.

It would seem to be a big jump from big business to boutique wines, but Donneson was already on her way. "In college I went grape picking in Tuscany... that's where I fell in love with my husband [Henry Weisberg]. We traveled a lot in Europe and you can't help but get seduced by wine there."

A friend with a "million dollar cellar" enlisted Donneson to help plan dinner parties around his wines. "I got very elaborate. Why don't you take a

class,' he said." She enrolled in the prestigious WSET [Wine and Spirit Education Trust]. "At the end of the classes, I thought: I'm going do it. And that was it," she says.

Launched in 2008 with one red and one white, Bouquet now produces eight different wines, yielding 700–800 cases a year. And Donneson is pretty much a one-woman show except for a little help on the production side.



Bouquet or Bouké? Yes, please!

herself. "I went door to door everywhere selling my wine...No one feels the love and urgency the way I do. I did so well I quintupled the production. It was too much...at that point I got a distributor...I went little too fast."

She took a step back and diversified the line. "I wanted to keep it simple. We came out with Perlant—a trio of pinots. That was a beautiful wine and went very well with oysters...Because it was a sparkling wine, it went out pretty quickly." She started making dessert wine in 2008, their Vin Doux Natural, a fortified wine. "My idea was to have a wine that could take you through a whole dinner."

She wants to continue to grow her brand. She has added a boutique to her website featuring wine-related items that she has personally chosen for her customers. "There are great gifts to send with wine: leather wine carriers for your bike, a bamboo wine rack. All interesting and well-designed." She would eventually like to combine the wine with a floral business in a brick and mortar store.

Don't be surprised if you see her setting up shop in the near future. She's a local. Her husband's family has had a home in Sag Harbor since 1958, and Donneson co-authored the *Guide to Sag Harbor: Landmarks, Homes and History* with Weisberg after they graduated from college. It's only a matter of time before Donneson's Bouquet Wine is blooming all over the Hamptons. Drink now, but keep your eyes peeled for her next venture. She's smart, she's creative, and has already proven she's a winner.

For more information, visit [bouquetwines.net](http://bouquetwines.net) or [boukewines.com](http://boukewines.com).

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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

### WINEMAKER'S WALK VINEYARD TOUR & WINE TASTING

1 p.m. A guided tour of Castello di Borghese Vineyard and Winery. Call to make reservations. 17150 County Road 48, Cutchogue. 631-734-5111 [castellodiborghese.com](http://castellodiborghese.com)

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

### LIVE MUSIC AT TWEED'S

7–10 p.m. Various artists on Friday Nights. 17 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-3151 [tweedsrestaurant.com](http://tweedsrestaurant.com)

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC AT OREGON ROAD

6–9 p.m. Live music every Friday night. Mark Anderson and Jon Divillo. Local beer, light fare. Lieb Cellars Oregon Road, 13050 Oregon Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-1100 [facebook.com/fridaynightsoregonroad](http://facebook.com/fridaynightsoregonroad)

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

### SPARKLING POINTE PRESENTS EAT, DRINK AND BE SPARKLING

11 a.m. Join Sparkling Pointe every Saturday and Sunday in December to celebrate the versatility of sparkling wine when paired with your favorite holiday meal. Sparkling Pointe Vineyards & Winery, 39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200 [sparklingpointe.com](http://sparklingpointe.com)

### KEITH MAGUIRE AT MARTHA CLARA VINEYARDS

1–4 p.m. Free admission. 6025 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-298-0075 [marthaclaravineyards.com](http://marthaclaravineyards.com)

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### WININ' CHEESE AT MARTHA CLARA VINEYARDS

2–5 p.m. Free admission. 6025 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-298-0075 [marthaclaravineyards.com](http://marthaclaravineyards.com)

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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

### FOOD DRIVE AT FIRST PARISH CHURCH

10:30 a.m.–noon. First Parish Church UCC is collecting for all local food pantries. Canned, jarred and boxed goods needed. First Parish Church, UCC, 5267 Sound Avenue, Northville. 631-608-3827 [spirit-renewal.com](http://spirit-renewal.com)

### LIVE MUSIC AT RAPHAEL VINEYARD AND WINERY

1–4 p.m. Live music weekly. 39390 Route 25, Peconic. 631-765-1100 [raphaelwine.com](http://raphaelwine.com)

### TASTING SUNDAY: 7 DAYS OF BISTRO 72

Noon–11 p.m. Prix fixe dinner with half-price local wine and beer flights. No corking fee on Long Island wines. Bistro 72, 1830 West Main Street, Route 25, Riverhead. 631-369-3325 [indigoeastend.com](http://indigoeastend.com)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC AT OREGON ROAD

6–9 p.m. Live music every Friday at Lieb Cellars. Lieb Cellars, 13050 Oregon Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-1100 [liebccellars.com](http://liebccellars.com)

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**FAIRY TALE HIGH**  
Local couple creates new  
line of dolls

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

**ART EVENTS**  
Openings, closings  
see and be seen.

## Rogers Memorial Celebrates Shinnecock Artists

BY JAMES KEITH PHILLIPS

**I**t was a few years ago that someone, transfixed by a drawing of a Native man hanging on my living room wall, asked who had created it. I answered that it was a fellow tribe member's beautiful work, and the person shook their head and said, "There is so much talent here on Shinnecock that goes unrecognized." Now, thanks to the wonderful staff at Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton, you can see that particular drawing along with a several other wonderful works of Shinnecock contemporary artists in the downstairs gallery and in the upstairs display case located across from the circulation desk. Included in the exhibit are drawings by Rebecca Williams, Ruben Bess Valdez and Patricia Cooke; paintings by Jason King and Waban Tarrant; beadwork and wampum jewelry by Tohanash Tarrant, Rachel Valdez, Aiyana Smith, Herman Quinn; and pottery by Winetu Tarrant. There are a few other surprises at the gallery as well.

It took about two months of negotiations with the artists to get the exhibit together, since some of the work is by family members who have passed on and considered heirlooms. Understandably, there was some hesitation to part with the works. Tohanash Tarrant explained her reluctance to part with her work this way, "when you work on something for so long or wear it for powwows, it becomes a part of you and something that feels really personal." And Patricia Cooke's daughter Lynette Cooke Weeks

described her mother's paintings as testaments to her talent and beauty. Lisa Bowen had many of her mother's drawings in a book, and upon looking at how many beautiful works she had done over the years, even I was surprised at how beautiful they were. It is interesting to hear fellow tribe members talk about the exhibit and give their take on it. Many of them know the people in the drawings and comment on how, although anyone else might not recognize a particular dancer in the middle of a step they know exactly who it is by the regalia or the captured movement of a dance step.

It should be noted that several of the artists are self-taught or learned their skill at an early age, continuing to draw for the love of it and as an expression of their pride in their people and culture. Ruben Valdez and Herman 'Chuck' Quinn are both Shinnecock aqua-cultural specialists who work tirelessly on the Shinnecock Tribal Oyster project, cultivating shellfish year round. Wampum jewelry and drawings are usually given as gifts to other tribal members and rarely sold. These items are highly valued by fellow Shinnecock and other Native friends who are lucky enough to have received them. Quinn's wampum work is well known not only on Shinnecock, but on the powwow trail as well. I can't tell you how many times I've admired a wampum piece on someone's regalia while in line for grand entry, to be told by the wearer (quite proudly) that "this is a Chuck Quinn piece." Quinn's work has also been exhibited in New York City at the American



Inside the show at Rogers Memorial Library

Tohanash Tarrant

Indian Community Center gallery.

Valdez, the artist whose drawing was admired on my living room wall, is well known as a maker of leather regalia, especially women's traditional fringe dresses. Not many people knew of his other artistic talent—even one of his nieces was surprised and delighted upon seeing his drawings.

It is hoped that there will be other exhibits in the future that spotlight local Native American artists. The exhibit will be up through to the last week of December. ■

The Rogers Memorial library is located on the hill at 91 Coopers Farm Road and is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays 1-5 p.m. For more information, visit myrml.com.

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# Happily Ever After with Beauty and the Beast

BY GENEVIEVE HORSBURGH

**M**y favorite aspect of live theater is its ability to move people, to make us feel a part of something special. That's exactly how I felt as I watched the magical world of Disney brought to life at the Patchogue Theater with Gateway Playhouse's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. The story is a timeless classic about finding love in the most unlikely of places. A story where good overcomes evil and, yes, everyone lives happily ever after.

At the heart of the production is the music—those memorable tunes we all associate with this heartwarming story. The songs would be nothing without the talent behind them, and a cast to do the music and lyrics justice.

Our beloved heroine Belle, aptly named of course, dreams of princes in far-off castles that she reads about in her books. As a cartoon character on screen, it's easy to be perfect, and you would think to be a challenge to create this icon on stage. I was struck with how perfect Melissa Mitchell was compared to the image of Belle I had created in my mind. Mitchell's voice was something to hear, clear as a bell (pun intended), powerful, controlled and vibrating with each emotion evoked in her character. The audience—myself included—was spellbound each time she sang.

The makeup work on Loren Christopher, who portrays our princely Beast, is so well done it almost does look real. From his ghastly horns to his protruding fanged underbite, who, indeed could ever learn to love such a beast? Christopher plays an interesting version of the beast, one that you may not expect. The theatrical version of our Beast was more comical and less brooding, providing a lot of laughs for the audience to enjoy. Christopher's presence

as the Beast is no less intimidating, however, and is quite frightening at times. His deep voice is melodious and intriguing, and, along with our Belle, we all slowly fall in love with this mysterious and tragic Beast.

We love this classic not just for the Beast and his Belle, but also for characters such as the fun and lovable Lumiere, played by Andy Redeker. I swear he sounded just like the character from the movie. His raw French accent was spot-on, and the "Be My Guest" number was everything you could want and more. At first you may wonder how a scene like that could be recreated on stage, but I was not disappointed—the colors and energy of the cast brought this fantastical number to life, and I was definitely dancing in my seat, grinning from ear-to-ear.

The villain in this story is Gaston, of course, and I couldn't help but love the way Joe Hager portrayed him, bringing the cartoon character to spectacular life. Every aspect of Gaston, from his arrogant swagger to his ever-upraised (and very black) eyebrow, was the total package, and I loved every second of his performance.

When Belle steps out in that signature golden gown on the night she and the Beast almost declare their mutual love for each other, you could hear a collective "Ahh" from the audience. Katherine Pecevich as the adorable Mrs. Potts sings the timeless song of "Beauty and the Beast" as the lovebirds dance around the floor. I could feel the chills running across my skin. It was as amazing as the film version, but even more breathtaking live.

The battle scene with the villagers and the castle staff is hilarious, and it ends with a just-in-time, heart-wrenching declaration of love from Belle, as she watches her Beast die, and then become a



Loren Christopher (Beast) and Melissa Mitchell (Belle).

Jeff Bellante

handsome prince, right before her eyes.

The set was fantastic, the costumes were Broadway caliber and the cast was what truly brought to life this fantasy of love and magic. It's the perfect way to remember what this time of year is about—the strength and power of love.

Gateway's stunning production of *Beauty and the Beast* plays at the Patchogue Theater through December 29. Children attend for free with the purchase of an adult ticket, making it easier to share some magic with your family this holiday season.

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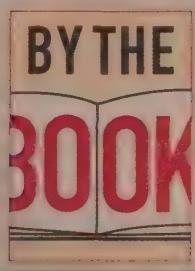
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# New Book Explores Classic Artist

BY JOAN BAUM



Though it shouldn't be, initially the most striking piece of information about the little known American artist Theresa Bernstein is that she was two weeks shy of her 112th birthday when she died in 2002. According to art historian Gail Levin, Bernstein kept working even after she turned 100. Levin, who has a house in Bridgehampton, is the editor of a handsome new book, *Theresa Bernstein: A Century in Art* (University of Nebraska). It consists of essays and illustrations that celebrate the decades during which Bernstein painted and exhibited, and it has been released in conjunction with two exhibits of Bernstein's work. This talented and quietly persistent realistic painter and printmaker was eclipsed inadvertently by her loving and supportive artist husband William Meyerowitz (1887-1981), whom she married in 1919, and by the times in which she lived. Galleries and museums, during her career, typically regarded women artists as less important than men. Indeed, when Levin came across Bernstein, as part of her research on Edward Hopper it was by way of an exhibit in 1983 at The New York Historical Society, "Themes of New York: Paintings and Prints by William Meyerowitz and Theresa Bernstein." Note the date and note the order of the names.

**Levin lays out in unadorned prose the narrative of Bernstein's life, though it's clear she intends to correct the record.**

The art world, with few exceptions, was a man's world. Georgia O'Keeffe, who was three years older than Bernstein, she had the advantage of being married to Alfred Stieglitz who tirelessly promoted O'Keeffe's work. Bernstein was also Louise Nevelson's first teacher, but didn't trumpet the fact. Factor in, also, that Bernstein was Jewish and 50 years old when the Nazi juggernaut unleashed the Holocaust, not the best time to be promoted. Her portraits of Einstein, however, done in 1921 on his first trip to America, and her paintings on Jewish themes, are admirable.

Though she rarely acknowledged she had been born in Cracow (she came to America when she was a child), Bernstein was nonetheless unwaveringly supportive of Zionism and had life-long leftist sympathies, probably not the best recommendations during the McCarthy years. Ironically, though she was admired by John Sloan, Stuart Davis and Edward Hopper, among others and garnered numerous awards, admiring critics tended to describe her style as full of "masculine vision and vigor" while still referencing her as a woman artist. By mid-century she was pretty much ignored.

No abstractionist, Bernstein did loosen up her style in later decades in the direction of a theatrical impressionism and non-abstract expressionism, though some critics said they preferred her earlier, more traditional work. Raised in Philadelphia, she came to New York where the action was and in 1911 studied with William Merritt Chase at the Art Students League (he said she reminded him of Frans Hals). Though it seems as though she never could win, her written comments, simple and direct, seen in excerpts here from journals, sketchbooks and unpublished manuscripts, are remarkable for their self-effacement: "I never got frustrated because

I didn't expect anything. I enjoyed painting the works I did. I didn't do it for public acclaim."

In an extensive introduction, "Forgotten Fame: Inscribing Theresa Bernstein Into History," Levin lays out in unadorned prose the narrative of Bernstein's life, though it's clear she intends to correct the record. For New Yorkers, that record is particularly important and the cover piece shows why. In rich dark tones, "The Readers" (1914), a 40" x 50" oil on canvas showing figures in the reading room at The New York Public Library, exemplifies Bernstein's love affair with the city, especially its music scene, both classical and jazz. Levin intelligently lays out paintings, sketches, etchings and photographs in



a way that enhances appreciation of Bernstein's range and style. Though at times a bit self-referential, the author generously thanks her students and proudly includes essays by six of them: Elsie Heung (The Ashcan School?), Michele Cohen (Theresa Bernstein in Gloucester), Sarah Archino (Theresa Bernstein and World War I in New York and Dada's Long Shadow), Patricia M. Burnham (Theresa Bernstein's World in Still Life), Gillian Pistell (Theresa Bernstein's Documentary Still) and Stephanie Hackett (Theresa Bernstein as Printmaker).

"*Theresa Bernstein: A Century of Art*" is at The James Gallery of the CUNY Graduate Center (365 Fifth Avenue, New York) through January 18, 2014.

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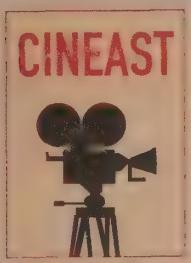
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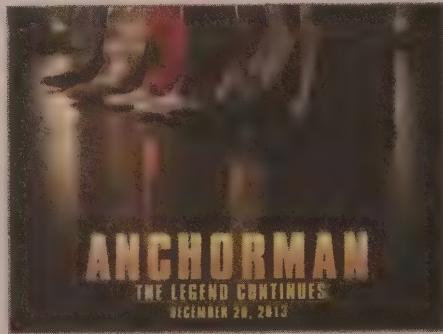
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# Movies...



## ANCHORMAN 2: THE LEGEND CONTINUES

Costume designers and production designers must love working on movies that are set in the '70s and early '80s. The clothing and hairstyles that were fashionable at the time seem uniquely foul to modern eyes, not to mention the monstrous cars and outlandish interior designs that seemed to suggest everybody was a pimp who lived in a disco. But the very hideousness is a lot of fun to look at, and can generate laughs all by itself. In fact, the *Anchorman* series of films is firmly predicated on the idea that there's nothing funnier than dressing modern-day comedians up in the worst of '70s and '80s fashion and parading them through the worst-looking of '70s and



'80s scenery. In the first *Anchorman* film, this concept was coupled with a parody of '70s sexual politics—Will Farrell's Ron Burgundy was the ringleader of a crew of deeply sexist newscasters, which became an organizing idea around which the entire movie revolved. In *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues*, which is set in the early '80s, this lampoon of sexism has been replaced by a lampoon of racism, as Ron Burgundy and his crew find themselves working for a black woman and unable to cope with the idea.

## HER

An oft-noted property of modern communications is that they allow people to relate to each other without actually really knowing each other. Many have experienced the phenomenon—the long-distance relationship, carried on by phone conversations or instant message or some other means that eliminates dealing with a physical being. Such a relationship can seem ideal, because, after all, it's only when we actually have to interact with a real human being that complications set in. It's part of the human condition to pine for the ideal and thus be perennially disappointed by real people. In a twist on this idea, the film *Her*, starring Joaquin Phoenix and set in the not-so-distant future, imagines a relationship between a man, Theodore Twombly, and "Samantha." Samantha is a computer-generated personality, but is so lifelike and seemingly perfect for Theodore that he actually falls in love with "her"—she brings him the happiness and love that he has always missed in his real-life,

human relationships. He happily relates to her over the phone just as if she were at work or in another city on business—in other words, the same way some contemporary couples relate to each other more satisfactorily over the phone than they do in person. The film raises some interesting questions about human interactions with ever more human-like machines and whether it's OK for someone to satisfy his need for love and companionship with the aid of artificial intelligence. ■

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## THE NANCY ATLAS PROJECT CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR



# New Dolls a Fairy Tale Beginning for Local Duo

BY LEE MEYER

Fairy Tale High, a new line of dolls that reimagines classic fairy tale princesses as high school students, is likely to be a hot item this holiday season—but consumers on the East End were introduced to them months ago. The toys, which were launched by Sag Harbor residents Scott Coff and Ken Price's toy company S-K Victory, had a successful trial run in Sag Harbor prior to their wide release. The product looks to be a hit, but the story of how Coff and Price created S-K Victory is practically a fairy tale itself.

"We both left our jobs of many years," says Coff. "I was an executive recruiter, and Ken was the executive vice president for a public toy company for almost 30 years." Coff and Price, who married and moved to Sag Harbor, decided to do something new, and Price's extensive knowledge of the toy industry was instrumental in creating S-K Victory.

"Back in the 1890s, my grandfather started a toy company, and my father eventually started a different toy business, where he met my mom. I worked for Jakks Pacific for about 13 years before saying 'it's time to move on.'" Price and Coff went to Las Vegas for a licensing show in 2012, where they partnered with United Trademarks Holdings to develop dolls based on classic fairy tales. After making sure the dolls weren't too similar to Disney characters—"Walt Disney was born in 1902; these fairy tales were written by the Brothers Grimm!" Price laughs—they immediately began developing the idea. Eight dolls were initially released, each with its own backstory and personality. And Coff and Price made sure that the dolls were appropriate and sent a positive message to young girls. "We're current and trendy. The dolls are cool, but they're also [recognizable]," Coff says. "We are known by the consumer at three levels: the kids, the moms and the grandmothers. They understand the product and who the characters are. We didn't want to go in the direction of the Monster High [dolls]."

The dolls were given a limited release in the Hamptons prior to their rollout at national chains like Target and Walmart. "We went to [Kites of the Harbor], then put some in Bridgehampton. A week later, they'd sold out!" Price exclaims. "At the end of July we started a Facebook page, and within two months we had 17,000 fans." Price and Coff are eager to see the reception the dolls have in wide release.

Price believes that one of the more compelling aspects of the line is that the characters all exist in the same world. "The way Disney does it now, they're never in the same story—which is the opposite of us," he explains, noting that all the princesses go to the same fictional performing arts high school and are friends, likening the premise to the shared universes of such characters as Superman and Batman. In addition to the dolls, there are free eBook stories for each doll and books coming from Knopf. "The jealousies, school trips, fighting over boys, bad hair days...they'll be really engaging stories."

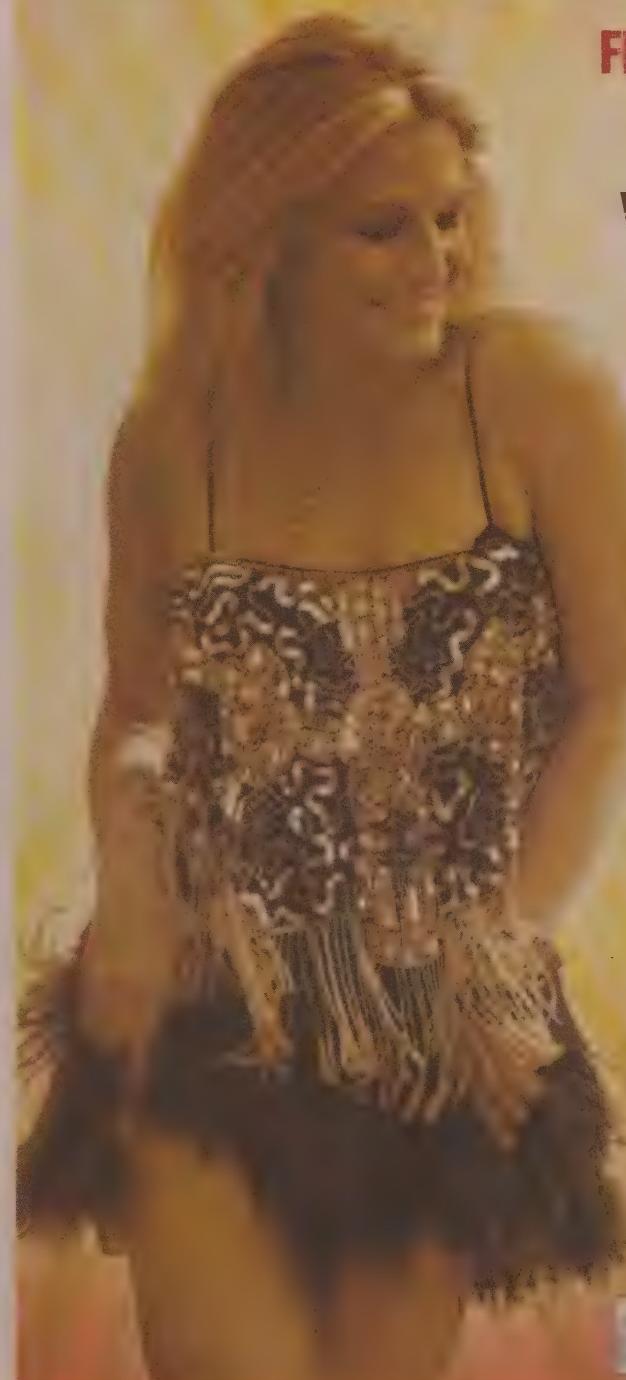
Coff and Price's personal story is equally engaging. "We met when we were 10 years old, in sixth grade," Coff recalls. Having each lost a parent at a young age, the two men were inseparable and close with each other's families. "I don't know how supportive they would have been [about our relationship] had it been someone else," he says. "But they've embraced it. We always said, 'when we can, we'll get married.'" The two began planning their wedding the day same-sex marriage became legal in New York. They had a beautiful wedding at the Tribeca Rooftop, then traveled together for several months. Coff and Price have something special. "We've been soul mates for 40 years," Price says with a smile.

For more information on Fairy Tale High, go to [fairytalehigh.com](http://fairytalehigh.com).



The cast of Fairy Tale High

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# Winter Holiday Fun for Kids on the East End

BY LEE MEYER

## See a live puppet show

With a new Muppets movie in the works, kids will love to see puppets live! Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre at 4 East Union Street in Sag Harbor has some great performances coming up. On December 21, enjoy a classic holiday story with a puppetry twist with A Couple of Puppets' The Night Before Christmas. Prices for events and activities at Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre vary. For more information on this treasured little theater, go to [goatonaboot.org](http://goatonaboot.org).

## "Sea" for yourself

A fun and educational place for kids, the Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center at 431 East Main Street in Riverhead offers families an ocean of fun with special events throughout the holiday

season. On Saturday, December 21, attend Breakfast with Santa and meet the aquarium's mascots while enjoying a buffet breakfast in the Sea Star Ballroom. And don't forget to take a family photo with Santa. There will also be an educational talk and the chance to make a take-home holiday keepsake. Breakfast with Santa runs three times: 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. And inquire about the "Santa Sleepover" at the adjacent Hyatt Place East End & Resort Marina. Finally, attend the Fishes & Butterfly Wishes Family New Year's Event on December 31 from 6:30–11 p.m. There are two events to choose from: the Splash Bash, or the Butterfly Ball Drop. Kids are welcome to both events, and there is champagne for the grownups. For pricing and more information on Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center, call 631-208-9200 or go to [longislandaquarium.com](http://longislandaquarium.com).



Catch some of this action!

## Go sledding

Take your kids sledding when the snow falls! There are some popular hills that are safe and fun for children, including Latham Hill at Pierson in Sag Harbor and at the SYS Rec Center on Majors Path in Southampton.

## Create art

What child doesn't love to draw, paint and create? The Parrish Art Museum at 279 Montauk Highway in Water Mill offers Holiday Vacation Workshops from Thursday, December 26 through Friday, January 3. Kids ages 4–6 will enjoy the morning session from 10 a.m.–noon, while ages 7 and up will spend the afternoon from 1–3 p.m. creating little masterpieces. Each day has a different topic: Landscapes, Portraits, Sculpture and Collage. The workshops cost \$40 per session or \$30 for Parrish members. For more information, go to [parrishart.org](http://parrishart.org).

## Skate on ice

A great activity for parents to do with their little ones, ice skating can be a memorable and fun experience for all. Check out Old Town Pond in Southampton, Town Pond in East Hampton or, for a smoother glide, Buckskill Winter Club in Wainscott ([buckskillwinterclub.com](http://buckskillwinterclub.com)), the ice rink in Greenport's Mitchell Park ([greenportvillage.com](http://greenportvillage.com)) and, new this year, the rink at Southampton Golf Club on County Road 39. More of a bundle-up-and-sip-hot-chocolate kind of family? Head to a frozen Mecox Bay in Water Mill to take in ice-boating races once things freeze over.

## Indulge in hot chocolate

Adults love coffee, and when kids want to be like their parents and drink "grown-up" beverages, a sweet hot chocolate is sure to delight them. There are plenty of places to get great hot chocolate on the East End, like Hamptons Coffee Company in Southampton, Water Mill and Westhampton Beach, Starbucks in Bridgehampton, Sagtown Coffee in Sag Harbor, The Golden Pear Café in Southampton, East Hampton, Sag Harbor and Bridgehampton and more. For other sweet treats, head to the Fudge Company in Southampton for great chocolates and candies.

## Eat gingerbread

Make a gingerbread man or house with your child, head to Gingerbread University in Riverhead and have your child make an edible masterpiece. Reservations for Gingerbread University are strongly advised! [gingerbreaduniversity.com](http://gingerbreaduniversity.com)

## Check out a museum

Bridgehampton's Children's Museum of the East End at 376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike is a great place to bring your kids all through the year, and their holiday offerings are guaranteed to entertain your little ones. The CMEE Holiday Club will meet on December 23, 26, 27, 30 and January 2 and 3, 9:30 a.m.–noon. CMEE offers a membership program, which provides discounts for all events. For more information on admission prices and other programs and activities, go to [cmee.org](http://cmee.org).



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June Kaplan

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# ART EVENTS

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## OPENINGS AND EVENTS

### DARK HORSE RESTAURANT PRESENTS DON DUGA

12/21 11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Meet the man who created *Frosty the Snowman!* Celebrate the anniversary of the timeless holiday cartoon classic with a family luncheon where Don Duga will draw each child with Frosty in color as a souvenir gift. Holiday music performed by Andrew Wargo, piano, and Kris Ambrose, guitar. Dark Horse Restaurant, 1 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-0072

### HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL SHOW

12/21 3-5 p.m. Romany Kramoris Gallery presents a snowstorm of local artists. Through 1/13. 41 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-2499 [kramorisgallery.com](http://kramorisgallery.com)

### GUIDED TOURS AT PARRISH ART MUSEUM

Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Docent-led tours featuring highlights from the permanent collection. Tours last approximately one hour. Free with museum admission. 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118 [parrishart.org](http://parrishart.org)

## ONGOING

### DANIEL GONZALEZ PHOTOGRAPHY

Come to Salon Xavier and see the work of acclaimed photographer Daniel Gonzalez. Through December. Salon Xavier, 1A Bay Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-6400 [salonxavier.com](http://salonxavier.com)

### JOYCE SILVER/"SMALL WORKS" AT THE CRAZY MONKEY GALLERY

Through 12/29. Joyce Silver presents an installation of abstract trees called "Enchanted Forest." Each tree is a free-standing cardboard tube with acrylic paint and mixed media. Also on display is "Small Works" by members of the gallery's art cooperative. On view are Andrea McCafferty, Daniel Schoenheimer, Jim Hayden and more. Each artist is represented by several works, small in size and suitable for holiday giving. Crazy Monkey Gallery, 136 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3627 [thecrazymonkeygallery.com](http://thecrazymonkeygallery.com)

### 10X10=100 ART SHOW & SALE

Seventh annual fundraising event for North Fork



**Broken Shells II (2007)** by Sag Harbor artist Anne Seelbach

Courtesy Anne Seelbach

Environmental Council. Priced at \$100 per painting. Through 12/30. South Street Gallery, 18 South Street, Greenport. 631-477-0021 [thesouthstreetgallery.com](http://thesouthstreetgallery.com)

### IT'S A CHILD'S WORLD: EXHIBITION OF ANTIQUE DOLLS AND TOYS

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m./Sundays, noon-5 p.m. Through 12/31. How Christmas was celebrated in the 19th and early-20th centuries, focusing this year on a Christmas village and antique ornaments. Clinton Academy, 151 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-6850 [easthamptonhistory.com](http://easthamptonhistory.com)

### "11X14" HOLIDAY EXHIBITION

Holiday photo exhibition by members of the East End Photographers Group. Through 1/2/14. Check website for times. Quogue Library Gallery, 90 Main Street, Quogue. 631-653-4224 [quoguelibrary.org](http://quoguelibrary.org)

### LANDSCAPE SELECTIONS FROM THE GUILD HALL PERMANENT COLLECTION

Through 1/5. This exhibition features 27 works of art by 20th century artists from Guild Hall Museum's Permanent Collection. Each artist has chosen a different perspective on the landscape, both real and imaginary. Artists include Joan Baren, Robert Dash, Hans Kline, Hayden Stubbing and more. \$7 suggested admission. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 [guildhall.org](http://guildhall.org)

### CHRISTA MAIWALD: SHORT STORIES AND OTHER EMBROIDERIES

Through 1/5. Winner of the 73rd Annual Guild Hall Members Exhibition (2011). Images embroidered on bedspreads, pillows embroidery loops lampshades, chair seats and framed. Maiwald has been an East Hampton resident for 30 years. The exhibition will be accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue. \$7 suggested admission. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 [guildhall.org](http://guildhall.org)

### TRACING MORAN'S ROMANTICISM & SYMBOLISM

Through 1/5. A collection-in-context presentation intended to increase awareness of the sources of inspiration that influenced landscape artist Thomas Moran. Selections include references to the artist's interests in the Civil War, literature, poetry, mythology, scenic glories of the Western



**Boat, Lazy Point (2006)** by Sag Harbor artist Anne Seelbach

## PICK OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21  
**Don Duga at Dark Horse**  
11:30 a.m. (See left)

Territories, as well as the unspoiled countryside at a time of rapid industrialization. \$7 suggested admission. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 [guildhall.org](http://guildhall.org)

### ARTISTS CHOOSE ARTISTS AT PARRISH ART MUSEUM

Through 1/14. Parrish Art Museum's ongoing, juried exhibition that celebrates artists on the East End and the dynamic relationships that unite the area's creative community. Jurors are: Laurie Anderson, Judith Hudson, Mel Kendrick, David Salle, Ned Smyth, Keith Sonnier and Robert Wilson. Artists include Elizabeth Dow, Elise Ansel, Koichiro Kurita, Ezra Thompson and more. Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118 [parrishart.org](http://parrishart.org)

### 9TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTIVE: THE WORLDS WE CREATE

Works by Melanie Moczarski, Aakash Nihalani and Nick Weber. Using this annual show as a platform to introduce new artists to the gallery, they will present Jonathan Beer's work for the first time. Through 1/14/14. Tripoli Gallery, 30 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-377-3715 [tripoligallery.com](http://tripoligallery.com)

### REYNOLD RUFFINS RETROSPECTIVE AT JOHN JERMAIN

An exhibition of colorful illustrations by Reynold Ruffins. Through 1/18. John Jermain Memorial Library, 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049 [johnjermain.org](http://johnjermain.org)

### DOWNTON ABBEY STYLE IN SOUTHAMPTON

Through 4/26/14. Styles during Southampton's Gilded Age occurred between 1880 and 1929 mirror the historical television drama *Downton Abbey*. The exhibit documents the fashion, activities and lifestyle of the era. Southampton Historical Museum, 17 Meeting House Ln, Southampton. 631-283-2494 [southamptonhistoricalmuseum.org](http://southamptonhistoricalmuseum.org)

For more events and to post your event online, go to [Events.DansPapers.com](http://Events.DansPapers.com).

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**Last Minute Tips to Shop 'Til You Drop**

BY STEPHANIE DE TROY



Even if you've got your holiday shopping down to a science, making lists and getting an early jump on it, doesn't there always seem to be some running around at the last minute? Well, with last minute additions to the Christmas dinner table, it's certainly not your fault. Fortunately we live in a world of overnight shipping and plenty of great boutiques. For working gals and guys, when everything else is closed, **Macy's** in Hampton Bays is open late. The earliest they close is at 9 p.m. on Sundays and every other night is past 10 p.m., and midnight on Wednesdays! (So, after ladies' night at **Publick House**...) I recently scored in the bathrobe department with something very cozy at 50% off and some fun and sparkly jewelry for my sister. Nearly everything is marked down in all departments. Macy's is located at 190 West Montauk Highway in Hampton Bays. Call 631-728-5500 or visit [macy's.com](http://macy's.com). While in Hampton Bays, I highly recommend **John's Bargain Store**, located at 111 West Montauk Highway. It's a great dollar store where you can find all kinds of wrapping paper, ribbons, gift bags and more with pleasing prices. Call 631-728-0850 for hours. Also in the same shopping center as the movie theater is **Bays Liquors**—so you can

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If you're in Southampton, be sure to check out **Quemar** candles. This summer, they illuminated the hottest parties in the Hamptons and now for winter they've brought in a new selection of seasonal favorites. Handmade and hollowed out of wax, Quemar candles are unlike any other. A small tealight fits inside, with the option of scent or no scent, organic, or even LED. The choice is yours. Quemar is located at 28 D Jobs Lane (in the alley across from Jildor Shoes, which, by the way, is having a sale!) Call for store hours, 631-488-4888 or 646-729-4336.

Since we're sure to be getting more snow, and just in time for Christmas, **Flying Point** has inflatable and molded sleds. With a sled, you'll have a whole new outlook on snowy weather. They also have great gifts for surfers, skaters and generally cool kids (and adults). **Flying Point Surf and Sport Boutiques**, Flying Point Surf & Sport is located, among other locations, at 69 Main Street and 79 Main Street in Southampton. Ring 631-287-0075.

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For the avid ShopTil reader, an update on the **Touch N' Grow Nail Hardener**: it works wonders. My nails, for the first time in my life, are strong and long! The unique formula creates a natural barrier on the nail that's stronger than any of the numerous products I've tried. Visit [pro-belle.com](http://pro-belle.com) and order yourself a few. The perfect adult stocking stuffer!

The **Dan's Papers** offices in Southampton were recently graced with a selection of Calbee's baked, low sodium **Harvest Snaps**. I was quite partial to the Wasabi Ranch Flavored Green Pea Crisps while our Business Manager, Margo Abrams, had this to say about their Black Pepper Snapea Crisps: "They were a surprising flavorful experience with just the right amount of spice. The absence of the Green Pea flavor did not take away from the overall enjoyment of the snack! It would be a great accompaniment with soup or sandwich." [harvestsnaps.com](http://harvestsnaps.com)

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# Local Artisan Offers Handmade Crafts in 'Gansett

BY JOAN BAUM

Once upon a time on the East End local crafts fairs featured local artisans, folks who loved to make art, and show and sell their unique, authentic wares at reasonable prices because, well, they were doing it for their neighbors and community as much as for visitors. Water Mill resident Lorraine Otto, who owns the small, elegant women's shop, Miankoma, in Amagansett Square, harkens back to those days, offering handmade jewelry, tunics and, for the season, charming vintage car ornaments. Indeed, Otto really reflects back because, she smiles, she started making—and selling—ornaments when she was eight years old. Her parents owned a motel at Ditch Plains, right on the beach, and one day she got the idea to make tomahawks out of stones and driftwood, which she sold for 15 cents. Alas, two boys who bought the tomahawks decided to use them as weapons on each other, and soon she was out of business. But let it be said for her entrepreneurship, that retirement didn't last long. One year later, she was in a crafts show in Montauk, painting lighthouses on stones, these going (according to stone size) for 10 to 25 cents.

**Visit the shop around Christmas and see her one-of-a-kind vintage cars and vehicles, each adorned with miniature trees she made.**

Fast forward to East Meadow High School and eventually to C.W. Post College in Brookville, where Otto majored in art—painting, doing pottery, weaving

and, of course, making ornaments, which she began to show at arts and crafts fairs in Montauk. Doing well, she decided to open her own shop, and Miankoma has been in Amagansett for approximately 15 years. Before that, for 10 years, it was on the Napeague Stretch. She is a compassionate, community-minded person, and regular visitors to her shop know her particular devotion to caring for parrots, most of them rescue birds. She now has nine who live with her. One of them, she insists, Jake, an African Grey, is "psychic," intuiting her mood, as the other day when she got back from work by welcoming her with a great sigh. On another occasion, when she had been dithering over letting someone go, he squawked, seeming to read her mind, "You're the boss," and she knew what she had to do. She contributes a monthly column to the Long Island Parrot Society newsletter and follows animal rights issues with heartfelt interest. Humans also claim her attention. She is thinking of starting a one-day-a-month sale at the shop, with a percentage of proceeds going to support different local charities.

Those who visit the shop around Christmastime will



Otto holding one of her vintage buses

see her one-of-a-kind vintage cars, trucks, vans, tractors and buses, each adorned with miniature trees she made, embedded with gemstones, that sit atop or alongside the vehicles and hang on a small white tree near the door—"I go home every night and make new stuff...how can I let the tree go unadorned?" The cars (\$12-\$25), come in handmade boxes and—a Miankoma specialty—are exquisitely gift-wrapped for free. One customer recently came back to say that her son liked his car so much, it never got onto their tree—he slept with it. Once the season is over, handmade jewelry once again rules—stunningly simple earrings, necklaces and bracelets, adored with semi-precious stones, sterling and adjustable fasteners. And then there are the handmade tunics ("slimming, easy to fit, no ironing") in a variety of colors, made from the finest cotton from

India. "Miankoma," it's said, is Indian for "assembly place," but at Lorraine Otto's it unintentionally takes on additional meaning indicative of how she artfully puts materials together. ■

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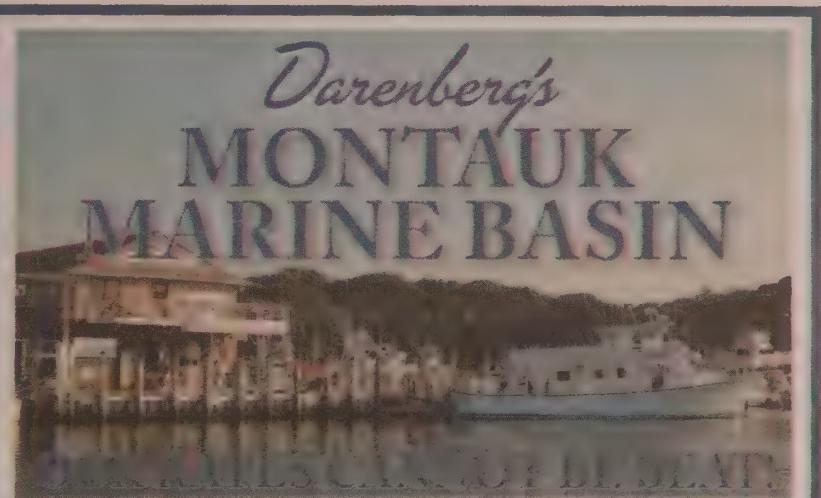


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# Is the Perfect Purse Under Your Tree?

BY JANE JULIANELLI

If you are in the Wish Book, you will likely get the perfect purse. This is Mark Deleon and Alan Stoltz's book of customers, who have all but given up finding what they want anywhere else, and so have come to the Southampton specialty boutique, The Perfect Purse, to put their order in and, sooner or later, have their wish come true.

"We have a lot of customers, from young girls to women of society to celebrities, who try to track down a certain bag they've been wanting, sometimes for years," says vintage handbag authority Mark Deleon, "and they can't find it. There are certain bags, especially when it comes to Hermès, which you can't expect to go to Hermès and find. I'll call my sources and we're actually able to find what the customer is looking for."

"We had one customer two years ago," says Alan Stoltz, "who came in looking for a certain size Kelly bag, 35-centimeter, in gold, with a shoulder strap. She knew exactly what she wanted. She had seen it in a picture. So, I wrote her down in the Wish Book, and about two months ago, the bag came to us from one of our sources."

It usually doesn't take that long and sometimes the perfect bag is right there in the boutique, waiting to be claimed.

"What our customer is looking for is the right bag in the right leather, in the right color, in the right size!" says Deleon.

The boutique moved to 27 Hampton Road this past summer, and has been deluged by customers ever since. It's temperature controlled. Deleon warns against excessive heat and sunlight, "Vintage bags should be conditioned, stored at room temperature and in fabric dust covers."



Heaven for Handbags in Southampton

The Perfect Purse, "Handbag Heaven in the Hamptons," as its owners call it, offers an abundant array of Hermès, Chanel, Gucci, Judith Leiber, Louis Vuitton, Dior and Bottega Veneta—the definitive status bags, plus a range of accessories. The boutique is perfectly laid out and proportioned for a customer to thread through the rich presentation of bags, some displayed museum-style behind glass,

others flanking shelves and countertops, tempting the visitor to touch them. The scent of the leathers and the dazzle of the colors give a rich overall effect.

Deleon says it was a vintage Mark Cross alligator bag that first gave him the idea of selling vintage bags. Twenty years ago, while at Bergdorf Goodman in New York, working as the fragrance department manager, he was making alligator picture frames out

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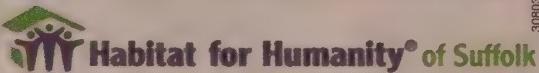
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## Purse (Continued from previous page)

**It was a vintage Mark Cross alligator bag that first gave Mark Deleon of The Perfect Purse the idea of selling vintage bags.**

of skins from old, damaged handbags he purchased at flea markets and thrift stores.

"After a couple of years, I was buying bags that were too beautiful to cut up," says Deleon, who is from Los Angeles. "I still have the Mark Cross, which at that time, 20 years ago, I was told at their store, would sell for \$5,000. I thought, 'Wow!' I knew about high-end luxury goods from working at Bergdorf's."

If they were to pick the two most timeless classic bags in their collection, Deleon and Stoltz agree: "It would be the Chanel 2.55, created by Coco Chanel in February, 1955, originally in wool jersey," says Deleon, "and the Kelly bag, that Hermès made for Grace Kelly, which she used to hide her baby bump while being photographed by the paparazzi."

If they could pair the personality of a high-end handbag brand to a famous woman, they are in agreement here too: Chanel equals Catherine Deneuve, Bottega Veneta—Charlize Theron, Louis Vuitton—Sophia Coppola, Gucci—Catherine Zeta Jones, Judith Leiber—Barbara Walters, the Hermès Kelly—Grace Kelly, and the Hermès Birkin—Jane Birkin or Victoria Beckham.

"We met 17 years ago, at the Pier Show," says Stoltz, originally from Forest Hills, Queens. "I was in the furniture business. When it tanked, we started spending more time at our house in Southampton."

Deleon had the eye for what would sell, but he

did not enjoy the business part. Stoltz's background was accounting, and so he suggested combining their talents to open a shop in Southampton.

"Ninety per cent of the bags, we actually own," says Deleon. "We do consignment, but we are not a consignment shop. If we are very interested in a bag we tend to buy it outright. We can control the quality. We don't have to rely on what people bring in. I've been doing this for 15 years and I have resources and dealers who I can call or they call me or email me pictures. And now that we have a store, women are actually cleaning out their closets and bringing the stuff they're no longer using. It's not that they need the money; it's just that they need the space."

The Perfect Purse is open all year round and has an online site, [theperfectpursehamptons.com](http://theperfectpursehamptons.com), which attracts a worldwide market.

"You have to be very careful buying on any of the online sites, because there are a lot of fakes," says Stoltz. "It's big business."

"I can go up and down Madison Avenue on any given day," says Deleon, "and see a woman carrying a Birkin bag, and at a casual glance, it looks pretty good, but when I get close to the bag, I can usually spot a fake right away. It's all in the details, the quality of the leather and the stitching and the

form. In 1970 Hermès started dating their bags with a code. Chanel and Louis Vuitton followed, and the reason why is counterfeiting. There's a big market."

"Very unfortunately, there are stores that sell fake bags," says Stoltz. "We, on the other hand, guarantee authenticity. Authenticity is written all over the store. For us, that's the biggest thing."

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J. Julianelli

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# HOUSE & HOME

## My Alarm Center Acquires SCAN, Expands Service

BY ROBERT OTTONE

**M**y Alarm Center recently completed negotiations to acquire popular Hamptons institution, Security Communications Audio Network Corporation (SCAN) in order to further expand in the Northeast region. By catering to SCAN's already existing Hamptons clientele, My Alarm Center will be able to provide service to a client-base of high-end consumers while affording those clients cutting edge technology. Brandon Savage, senior vice president of customer experience and operations, chatted with me about what My Alarm Center plans to offer those in the Hamptons, as well as what's popular in home security systems.

"My Alarm Center was started around 2000 and initially grew through acquisitions and developed a leading program where we partner with mom and pop companies across the nation," Savage says, explaining the growth of My Alarm Center. "Over the last few years, we've been looking to expand into higher-end companies that are capable of providing a high level of customer experience. Especially companies that offer brand-name recognition in a given market."

SCAN certainly has that, in spades. Savage admitted that this high attention to customer service and brand awareness is what drew My Alarm Center to inquire about acquiring SCAN over the summer. "We're rated as one of the top security companies in the nation, and by acquiring SCAN, we can continue

that tradition," Savage says.

"SCAN has a focus on strong clientele and more importantly for us, customers expect a higher level of service, a local presence, having a branch right there in the Hamptons," Savage says. "Having technicians and sales reps in the area who have been in the region for a long time and have roots in the area was important. You can't put a premium on 15 or 20 years of experience. Our goal is to keep everything the same, keep the support, finance, payroll and team at the local level. We want everything to continue to grow our customer base and provide that important customer experience through the SCAN brand."

Curious about what kind of innovations in home security are popular these days, we talked about automation and the ability to control everything from an iOS or Android device. "Over the last three or four years, we've seen a real revolution in the industry in terms of interactive and automation technology," Savage explains. "A panel in your home serves as a hub that enables myriad services, combined with access through your smartphone or through the internet. Controlling a thermostat from your phone is great, but beyond that, the systems have the ability to know when you're home and put together a heating or cooling schedule based on your behavior at home. For instance, if you're not home on a Tuesday afternoon, your central hub system will realize that and adjust the thermostat accordingly, saving you money."

"You can see everything from your computer

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screen, your motion sensors, thermostat, etc. It's really amazing," Savage says. "Smart locks that can be controlled over the internet from your phone. I can, on the fly, create a code for a person swinging by my house or control the doors remotely, as needed."

The amount of technology provided by My Alarm Center through SCAN is unbelievable. Saving money with one's thermostat is pretty fascinating, but the ability to control the camera feed from your smartphone, recording or rewinding, is also pretty amazing. Being able to turn various electronic devices on or off is also a great feature. "If my wife tells the kids to turn the XBOX off and I hear that, they know they need to save their game because I can just press a button on my phone and kill the electricity to that particular device," Savage remarks, with a laugh.

"The important thing is that we treat all of our customers as if we're the local company, because, really, in the end, we are," Savage said.

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# International Designer Home in Bridgehampton

BY RAUN NORQUIST

**M**aximillian Eike is Max International Design NY. His showroom, warehouse and workspace are located at 1 Tradesman Path, in Bridgehampton. Here you'll find the works of this 24-year-old international designer.

Eike was born in Germany but was raised on the East End. He attended Sag Harbor Elementary and Pierson Middle Schools before his studies at the Ross School in East Hampton—where his design future began. The seniors at Ross are given a thesis project. This six-month program is tailored to the students' major interests and Eike's was interior design and architecture. He was especially focused on the works produced by the Bauhaus, the school founded by Walter Gropius in 1919 Germany, known for combining fine arts and design.

Eike's senior year project produced a stainless steel and glass coffee table and began his obsession with furniture design. After the Ross School he went on to continue his education at Griffith College in Dublin, Ireland, where he studied interior architecture. It was here that Eike began learning how to make furniture from concept through production. After early graduation he got an internship with the German company Polenz, a metal design manufacturer, dedicated to the design of exquisite metals. Their high quality fabrication of furnishings and architectural elements caters to clients such as Hermès and Louis Vuitton. He worked hard at the side of master metal workers and upon leaving his apprenticeship, Polenz gave Eike his first Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) welder.

**MAX IDNY was founded in 2009 by young entrepreneur/designer Maximillian Eike, and he has more to come.**

With his TIG welder in hand, Eike began the next phase of his ever-evolving furniture designs. He started with materials and forms that he could fabricate himself. This led him to a sensibility of expression, that, even now, when working with others with much broader fabricating capabilities, his early geometric and minimal sensibilities can still be seen. His early work most often employed solid teak, stainless steel and high gloss lacquer. Didactic in manner, each component is individuated and identifiable, as expressed in one of his dressers composed of lacquered drawers, read as blocks, sliding within a solid teak-supporting frame.

Expanding with new manufacturers and new materials, and with the added skills of Indonesian craftsmen, Eike began branching out into other materials like marble and experimenting with more organic forms, previously beyond his skills and equipment. The scale of his furniture also began to expand as with some of his tables made with broad and thick slabs of teak and large, intersecting three-foot supporting cylinders of marble, cut into with organic lattice-like work, which engages the slab for stability and the heart and mind for its show of skill and evidence of a hand.

MAX IDNY now manufactures in Indonesia and Germany and its materials include several different types of stone, carbon fiber, stainless wires in a series of tension/compression tables and even wicker. Eike is currently working on a commission for a table whose expansion mechanism has been designed with help from a German racecar manufacturer. The center of his showroom hosts a massive 9'6" diameter table, made to seat 14 or perhaps to grace a hotel lobby. It's made of glass and highly polished solid stainless steel folded plates, weighing in around 3,000 pounds. Don't worry, the glass top was designed

in four pieces so it can be moved. Eike is also working on a two-meter-long marble sofa. His novel bright-colored woven beach chair, Sloth, from last year's collection, is being expanded to include a larger version for this spring.

A great part of Eike's success is due to his very special parents, Michael and Elfi. They were art dealers in London and Germany before they came to Long Island 20 years ago. They are the owners of Christy's Art Center at 3 Madison Street in Sag Harbor where they sell paintings, antiques and architectural elements. Growing up in a family whose business is art and aesthetics has



Designer Max Eike

cultivated this young and promising designer.

MAX IDNY was founded in 2009 by this talented young entrepreneur/designer and he has more to come. He currently produces indoor and outdoor seating, tables, bookcases, chairs as sculpture, and commissioned works. And next season he will introduce, not only 10 new pieces, including more Sloth beach chairs, but also a new passion, his first ceramics and tableware, starting with a tea cup and a tea pot. ☑

MAX IDNY, 1 Tradesman's Path, Bridgehampton, MAXIDNY.net, 631-725-7000

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# CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

### ARF HOLIDAY PET FOOD DRIVE

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Through 12/24. Bring dry and wet pet food at the adoption center for food pantries and resident animals. ARF Adoption Center, 90 Daniels Hole Road, Wainscott. 631-537-0400 arfhamptons.org

### SHOCK ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Through 12/31. Collecting coats for babys, kids, women, men, as well as hats and gloves. Shock, 99 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-2522

### 12 DAYS OF SWEAT

Daily complimentary fitness classes through 12/23. No signup necessary. Lululemon Athletica, 35 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-4192 lululemon.com

### STEVE FREDERICKS AT MUSE IN THE HARBOR

7-10 p.m. Thursdays. Steve Fredericks will perform every Thursday, no cover. 16 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-899-4810 museintheharbor.com

### LADIES NIGHT AT AGAVE'S TEQUILA AND RUM BAR

8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Ladies Night is all night, with DJ. 142 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach. 631-998-4200 agaveswhb.com

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

### ARF EXTENDED HOURS

11 a.m.-7 p.m. ARF Adoption Center will be open late for adoptions and holiday shopping. Refreshments will be served. ARF Adoption Center, 90 Daniels Hole Road, Wainscott. 631-537-0400 arfhamptons.org

### CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE AT SOUTHAMPTON CENTER

11 a.m.-8 p.m. Also 12/21. Featuring food, merchants and artisans. 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0402 southamptonchamber.com

### HAPPY HOUR AT SOUTHAMPTON PUBLICK HOUSE

4 p.m.-midnight. Party all night with DJ Dory at 10 p.m. 40 Bowden Square, Southampton. 631-283-2800 publick.com

### CANDLELIGHT FRIDAYS AT WÖLFFER ESTATE VINEYARD

5 p.m. Wölffer Estate Vineyard Presents Tango Conspiracy, a talented band of New York and Miami based musicians led by Jimena Fama captures music which blends heart and soul of Tango with eclectic electro-dub undertones. Wines are served by the glass or bottle and cheese and charcuterie plates are available for purchase. There is no cover charge or reservations necessary. 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106 wölffer.com

### LANTERN TOUR WITH HISTORIAN HUGH KING

6:30-8 p.m. Village history with candlelit historical interiors. Meet at Clinton Academy Museum. 151 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-6850 easthamptonhistory.org

### NANCY ATLAS CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

8 p.m. Come in from the cold and have a hot time cause once you're inside the Stephen Talkhouse you will be greeted with warm twinkle lights, a flowing tap and two hours great live original music. The Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117 stephentalkhouse.com

### HARRY-OKE FRIDAYS AT LIARS' CLUB

10 p.m. Fridays. 401 W. Lake Drive, Montauk. 631-668-9597

### KARAOKE AT MJ DOWLING'S STEAK HOUSE

10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Friday night karaoke. MJ Dowling's, 3360 Noyak Rd., Sag Harbor. 631-725-4444

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

### ZUMBA IN THE HAMPTONS WITH OSCAR GONZALEZ

9 a.m.-10 a.m. Burn calories with Oscar and leave sweating and smiling. The Dance Centre of the Hamptons, 10 Mitchell Place, Westhampton Beach. 203-536-1159 zumba-oscar.com

### FRIENDS OF ROGERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Also 12/28. Biggest bargain in the Hamptons for books in all categories, including DVDs, CDs, books on tape and large print. 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774 myrml.org

### HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Every Saturday and Sunday through end of December. BookHampton is back for a holiday book fair to benefit the Sag Harbor Whaling & Historical Museum. Sag Harbor Whaling & Historical Museum, 200 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0770 sagharborwhalingmuseum.org

### MONTAUK HANDMADE FOR THE HOLIDAYS FAIR

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Through 12/23. 2nd Annual showcasing East End's most talented artists, crafters, artisans and makers. Sweet'tauk, 34 Etna Avenue, Montauk. 646-812-0332 sweettauk.com

### PIGSKIN SATURDAYS AT TOWNLINe BBQ

Noon-9 p.m. Saturdays through 1/25. Special smoked pig menu from Livingston Manor to coincide with football games. Townline BBQ, 3593 Townline Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-2271 townlinebbq.com

### TASTINGS AT THE MONTAUK BREWING COMPANY

Noon-7 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays; 3-7 p.m., Friday. 62 S. Erie Ave, Montauk. 631-834-2627 montaukbrewingco.com

### JETTYKOON'S WINTER SOLSTICE SHOW

8 p.m. Celebrate the end of earlier sunsets with Jettykoon. Stephen Talkhouse, Main Street, Amagansett. 631-921-1842 jettykoon.com

### SATURDAYS AT SOUTHAMPTON PUBLICK HOUSE

10 p.m., DJ Brian Evans spins Hamptons classics every Saturday in the taproom. 40 Bowden Square, Southampton. 631-283-2800 publick.com

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

### ADULT TENNIS PROGRAMS AT FUTURE STARS SOUTHAMPTON

7 a.m.-8 p.m. Tennis programs for all levels, including clinics, private sessions, seasonal court rentals and hourly rentals. Mornings or afternoons. Future Stars Southampton, 1370A Majors Path, Southampton. 631-287-6707 futurestarssouthampton.com

### A WINTER SPEECH CHOIR

10:30 a.m.-noon. Holiday services will feature the play A Winter Speech Choir by Lois Van Leer. Hospitality and conversation follow the service. Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 977 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike at Scuttle Road, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0132 uua.org

### WEEKEND BRUNCH, SOUTHAMPTON PUBLICK HOUSE

Noon-3 p.m. Also 12/28 and 12/29. Brewer's Weekend Brunch. \$15 per person. Includes complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or 12-ounce brew. Menu includes French toast, waffles, pancakes, steak and eggs and more. Southampton Publick House, 40 Bowden Square, Southampton. 631-283-2800 publick.com

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

### NEWPLICATE BRIDGE GAME WATER MILL BRIDGE CLUB

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Monday. Players with little or no experience are welcome to join this introduction to bridge. Teacher Susan Denenholz teaches players as the game goes along. Water Mill Bridge Club, 1040 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-726-6448 bridgeinthehamptons.com

### KNITTING GROUP AT JOHN JERMAIN

1 p.m. Yarn donations are always appreciated. John Jermain Library, 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049 ext. 230 johnjermain.org

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

### CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY AT THE LIVING ROOM

5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Three-course meal on Christmas Eve and noon-3 p.m. on Christmas Day. The Living Room, 207 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-329-0050

### JAZZ AT PIERRE'S

6:30-9:30 p.m. 2468 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-5110 pierresbridgehampton.com

## PICK OF THE WEEK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

**Nancy Atlas Christmas Spectacular**  
8 p.m. (See below)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

### THE JAM SESSION AT BAY BURGER

7-9 p.m. Thursdays. The Jam Session & The Thursday Night Live Band. Bay Burger, 1742 Sag Harbor Turnpike, Sag Harbor. No cover charge. 631-899-3915 thejamsession.org

### STEVE FREDERICKS AT MUSE IN THE HARBOR

7-10 p.m. Thursdays. Steve Fredericks will perform every Thursday, no cover. 16 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-899-4810 museintheharbor.com

### LADIES NIGHT AT AGAVE'S TEQUILA AND RUM BAR

8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Ladies Night is all night, with DJ. 142 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach. 631-998-4200 agaveswhb.com

### KARAOKE AT GURNEY'S

9:30 p.m. Thursdays, with Helen of The Diva's Karaoke. Gurney's Inn Resort Spa and Conference Center. 290 Old Montauk Hwy, Montauk. 631-668-2345, gurneysinn.com.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

### SIP & SEW IN SPRINGS

7-9 p.m. An introduction to the art of sewing. Make a project in two hours. All ages welcome; children need to be accompanied by an adult. \$60. Spring Presbyterian Church, 5 Old Stone Highway, Springs. 631-907-2597 sewhampton.com

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

### PEOPLE SAY NY OPEN MIC

6-10 p.m. Open mic for all NY performers. Featuring art on exhibit by Laura Giugni-McGuire and David Rey Martinez. Bring your own wine. 760 Montauk Highway, above old Citarella Market, Water Mill. 954-240-0505 facebook.com/peoplesayny

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

### SEAL HIKE IN MONTAUK

11 a.m. Meet at Montauk Concession building. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather; 2-3 hours, 3-mile hike. Reservations required. Montauk Point State Park, 2000 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-5000 nysparks.com

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

### AGAVE'S DANCE PARTY

8:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Dance Party with Paul Mahos and New Life Crisis from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Packages range from \$100 to \$175 per person, including open bar, dancing, dinner buffet, party favors and a midnight champagne toast with the ball drop being broadcast. After 12:30 a.m., there will be a cash bar and DJ. 142 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach. 631-624-5210 newlifecrisis.com

### CUCINA PRIX FIXE

Come on New Year's Eve for a \$65 prix fixe four-course dinner with a glass of champagne. 674 Montauk Highway, East Quogue. 631-996-4550

### NAMMOS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

\$69.95 prix fixe dinner including a champagne toast. The entree selection is sea bass, African tiger shrimp, wild caught salmon, filet mignon and Greek moussaka. All-night open bar is \$49 and the fine wine selection package is \$99 per person (minimum two people). 136 Main Street, Southampton. 631-287-5500

More New Year's Eve events at [DansPapers.com](#).

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# KIDS' CALENDAR

For more events happening this week, check out:

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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

### RHYME TIME

10-11 a.m. Songs, rhymes, stories and art exploration. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org

### MORNING STORYTIME AT THE QUOGUE LIBRARY

11 a.m. For little ones 1-3 years old. Special stories with Miss Pat. Register by phone. Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-4224 ext. 4 quoguelibrary.org

### LEGO MANIA

3:30-4:30 p.m. Create anything you like with Legos at the library! This is a great chance for parents to relax and socialize, too. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org

### TEENS COOK IT UP

4-5 p.m. Make and decorate crispy rice treats that look like little presents. For grades 6-12. Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774 myrml.org

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

### MUSIC TOGETHER BY THE DUNES

9:30 or 10:30 a.m. Fridays. Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton Turnpike, Bridgehampton. For other locations, registration and schedule, 631-764-4180 mtbythedunes.com

### SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL

10 a.m. Fridays. Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. Parents/caregivers with toddlers 10-36 months olds are invited to join us for an hour of interactive play. 631-267-3810 amaglibrary.org

### SHARK DIVE

11 a.m. Daily, ages 12 and up (12-17 must be accompanied by a parent). Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead. The aquarium puts you into a cage in the middle of more than 10 circling sharks! No diving certification necessary. \$155/nonmembers, \$140/members (includes aquarium admission). 631-208-9200 longislandaquarium.com

### MINECRAFT MADNESS

4 p.m. For fans of the hit game Minecraft. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335

### RAINBOW LOOM CLUB

7 p.m. Make and trade your own rainbow bracelets. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335

### LEGOS AND GAMES

4-5 p.m. For Kids K-up! Build with Legos; play board games and hopscotch; Hula Hoop; Rubber band jump-rope and more. Also seeking 6th graders to be play-partners and earn community service hours. Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3810 amaglibrary.org

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

### STORY & CRAFT TIME

3:30-4:30 p.m. Join the Amagansett Free Library each Saturday for stories & crafts. 215 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3810 amaglibrary.org

### MAGIC THE GATHERING BOOSTER DRAFT

4:30 p.m. Test your deck-building skills and compete in the Booster Draft Tournament. Go home with new cards for your collection. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335

### GAME ON

5 p.m. Come to the library to play your favorite video games. No registration required. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335

### PANERA AND PIXEL PARTY

6 p.m. Enjoy food from Panera Bread and design pixel art. Pixel grids for beginners, intermediate and advanced builders. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

### SUNDAY STORY TIME

1:30 p.m. East Hampton Library, 159 Main Street, East Hampton. Open up your child's mind with stories from our picture book collections. Ages 3-plus. 631-324-0222 easthamptonlibrary.com

### SUNDAY GAMES

3:30-4:30 p.m. Sundays. John Jermain Library, 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. Get away from TV screens and challenge your friends or family to a friendly board game competition. The library will provide a variety of games including Chutes & Ladders, Candyland, Apples to Apples and others. Ages 3-9. 631-725-0049 johnjermain.org

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

### WINTER SCHOOL BREAK PROGRAMS

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Through 1/3. Kids enjoy a seasonal wonder of activities by introducing local history, cooking, natural environment, science, crafts, imaginative play and more. Join for a single day or the entire week; subjects aren't repeated. Registration required. Barefoot Kids Winter, Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-255-1911 thebarefootkids.com

### MONDAY STORYTIMES AT MONTAUK LIBRARY

11:45 a.m., Listen to stories, sing songs and make a craft! All are welcome to listen. The crafts are most appropriate for preschool age children. 871 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-3377 montauklibrary.org

### SOCER, LACROSSE, BASEBALL & MORE CLINICS

Noon. Future Stars Indoor turf clinics for all ages. \$150 and up. 1370 A Majors Path, Southampton. 631-287-6707 futurestarssouthampton.com

### ALATEEN

4-5 p.m. John Jermain Library, 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. Alateen is a chance for young people affected by someone else's problem drinking to share their experiences and discuss effective ways to cope in a safe and anonymous setting. Light snacks will be served. 631-786-0368/ 631-793-0074 johnjermain.org

### MARTHA RUSH SUTPHEN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE: MATH TUTORING

5-6 p.m. John Jermain Library, 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. Professional math tutor and teacher Chase Mallia will be on hand to help students with homework. Open to all students ages 13-19 but with emphasis on Regents-level Algebra 2/Trigonometry. Assistance available in both English and Spanish. Snacks provided. 631-725-0049 ext. 230 johnjermain.org

### VACATION STORY & CRAFT

2:15-3 p.m. Special vacation day story and craft. Elementary school kids welcome. Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3810 amaglibrary.org

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

### WALDORF-INSPIRED NURSERY CLASSES AGES 2.5-3.5

9 a.m.-noon The nursery program provides a nurturing staff in a beautiful and calm environment, suited for the child's development. Our Sons and Daughters School, 11 Carroll Street, Sag Harbor. oursonsanddaughters.org

### MOMMY & ME WITH A JEWISH TWIST

10-11 a.m. An innovative program for infants and toddlers to explore Jewish themes in a stimulating, fun & creative atmosphere. Make new friends as we explore the child's world through circle time, music, crafts and multi-sensory experiences. Chabad of East Hampton, 13 Woods Lane, East Hampton. 631-329-5800 chabadofthehamptons.com

### BABIES & BOOKIES AT HAMPTON BAYS LIBRARY

10-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays. Storytime, interactive fingerplays, songs and flannel boards for newborns to 24 months with adult. 52 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. 631-728-6241 hamptonbayslibrary.org

### PLAY-A-PALOOZA

10-11 a.m., For children from birth to 4 years old. Special time for parents and caregivers to play with their young children. Toys, puzzles, dramatic play, art exploration and more. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org

### FIRST STORY TIME

Tuesdays, 10:15-11 a.m. For caregivers and their tots through 4 years old. Stories, flannel boards, puppets, songs and fun. A perfect introduction to story time for young children. Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3810 amaglibrary.org

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

### BROWN BAG AND A MOVIE

Noon. For families with children ages 5 and older. Watch a classic movie on the big screen. Bring lunch. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335

### MOVIE MATINEE

2 p.m. Enjoy hot buttered popcorn and watch Man of Steel in the Teen Room. Grades 6-12. Register online. Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774 myrml.org

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

### RHYME TIME

10-10:30 a.m. The Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. Songs, rhymes, stories and art exploration. Children ages 1-3. Contact Emily Herrick at emily@hamptonlibrary.org 631-537-0015

### STORIES, SONGS & PLAYTIME

10:30 a.m. John Jermain Library, 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. Librarian Susann will read a short story, do finger plays, sing songs & nursery rhymes, dance with children and put out toys for playtime. Ages 1-4. 631-725-0049 johnjermain.org

### UPCOMING AND ONGOING

### YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEEDS TEENS TO VOLUNTEER

If you are a middle school or high school student looking for community service hours, the Town of Southampton's Youth Bureau is looking for members to join its Youth Advisory Committee. Monthly meetings in Flanders or North Sea. Students volunteer and help plan for events and trips. For more info, call 631-702-2425

### WEDNESDAYS

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE AQUARIUM

9:15-10 a.m. or 3:15-4 p.m. Explore the Aquarium with hands-on activities, stories, songs, crafts and live animal encounters. Ages 2-3 on Wednesdays and 3-4 on Thursdays. \$60 Series/ \$15 Class. Aquarium admission is included. Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center, 431 East Main St, Riverhead. 631-208-9200 longislandaquarium.com

### BABIES AND BOOKS

11 a.m.-Noon. For babies from birth through 15 months. Enjoy baby's first story time with simple books, songs, rhymes and finger plays. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org

### MINECRAFT CLUB

7 p.m. Do you love Minecraft? The library is starting a club dedicated to playing it. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org

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Where to save while dining out

## Restaurant Review: Almond in Bridgehampton

BY DAN KOONTZ

**A**lmond Restaurant in Bridgehampton is a charming place for an off-season date night. The casual, relaxed atmosphere, the quaint tin ceiling. Oh, and the date cake—what would date night be without date cake?—but more on that later. You certainly don't start a meal with dessert.

On the contrary, to get our meal off to a proper start, I felt the need to check on the bar's martini. I'm happy to report that the gin martini arrived dry and crisp, and I heartily recommend it.

My dining partner and I decided to continue our date night at Almond with a few appetizers, including the popular and celebrated crostada of Jane's mushrooms. This dish, with a shell that's a kind of delightful cross between a flaky quiche crust and a chewier pizza crust filled with a creamy/cheesy wild mushroom mixture topped with a fried egg, elegantly combines the comforting and the refined in a way that's just right for winter dining. Another fine plate was a salad of Brussels sprouts presented two ways: tasty roasted sprouts were tossed with a slaw of freshly shredded raw sprouts topped with a Caesar dressing. Sprout season has passed, but this dish will be well worth looking for next year.

A third appetizer, this one a special pan-roasted scallop "hash," sounded intriguing: in my experience, hash is not a term frequently associated with scallops. It turned out to be a delicious pile of roasted potatoes and fennel, liberally studded with sweet scallops and finished with a Rockefeller sauce. Maybe this is what

the Rockefellers call hash. By all means, let the gentrification of hash continue.

Long, complicated menus can be a buzzkill—after a long day, who wants to stress out over choosing an entrée? One of the features that makes eating at Almond perhaps a more relaxing experience is the straightforward way in which the menu is organized. All on one page (desserts are on a separate sheet), the selections are categorized to make intuitive sense. If you want a steak, there's a corner of the menu for you: you have some fine choices of cut and preparation, and you're set. In another corner, there's the list of daily specials. If you can remember what day it is, you're set.

As for us, we were enticed by the venison ragu, which is a rarity on East End menus. However, the local black fish served with clams, yellow-eye beans, fennel confit and bacon won out. A nicely crusted piece of fish arrived atop a bed of beans and fennel, surrounded by a rich sauce. One has a choice to eat the fish in its pure form, but I would recommend knocking it off its perch and dredging it in the savory sauce. A dish of goat cheese ravioli stuffed with butternut squash was seriously creamy and good. It was served with fried plantains, which were deemed



A delish saladscape at Almond

a surprisingly nice touch.

Perhaps redundantly, we had thought to order the side dish of macaroni and cheese—call it a compulsion. It arrives piping hot in its own crock, and is in a more creamy European style than the drier, cheddar-based American macaroni and cheese. It would make a meal in and of itself for those with smaller appetites or for children.

Now for the date cake. The sticky toffee date cake, to be precise—made WITH dates, not necessarily FOR dates. By this time in the meal, we were far from certain that we could hold any more food, but we had heard tremendous things about the sticky toffee date cake. Sure enough, the cake is a marvel. Served warm, quite sweet and with a texture approaching that of a bread pudding (the final step in the preparation in fact causes the cake to be slightly steamed), it reminded me of a German dampfnudel or an English pudding, but is very much its own entity. It comes with a scoop of locally made crème fraîche ice cream, which is not very sweet and so nicely balances the cake. It's the perfect touch for the perfect date. 

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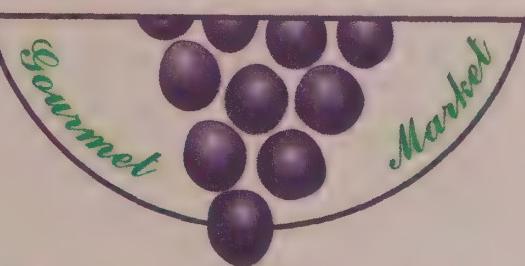
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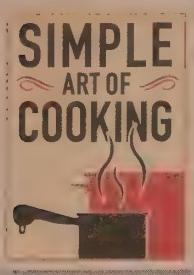
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BY SILVIA LEHRER



"Imagination, creativity and good food are never far apart." My friend Judy loves to knit, and her colorful scarves are gifts from her hands and her heart. Her passion reminds me of my love of cooking, especially during the holidays. Spiced pecans are much loved, and a generous batch makes a great holiday gift. Do-ahead

tapenades, such as olive, anchovy or garlic herb mix make tasty hors d'oeuvres, served with crostini or your favorite mix of crackers. Spoon the tapenade into pretty glass jars wrapped in festive ribbons and bows. Nothing spells holiday like homemade from you. Have a blessed and very happy holiday.

## SPICED CARAMEL PECANS OR WALNUTS

*Prepare these sugar-spiced nuts for entertaining, or a gift from your kitchen.*

**Yield: 4 cups spiced nuts**

4 cups pecan or walnut halves  
1 3/4 cups turbinado sugar  
3 3/4 tablespoons unsalted butter  
7 to 8 tablespoons heavy cream  
2 to 3 generous dashes of cayenne

Preheat oven to 350°F.

1. Spread pecan halves on a cookie sheet and toast for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside.

2. Place remaining ingredients in a small saucepan and bring to the edge of a rolling boil, adjust heat then cook at a brisk simmer for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes.

Add the nuts and stir to coat evenly in the syrup for a minute or two.

3. Transfer nuts one-layer deep to a parchment-lined cookie sheet. Allow to cool completely. Heap the prepared nuts into a small bowl or use as a garnish on a salad. Can be prepared up to a week ahead and stored in a cookie tin lined with wax paper. Spiced pecans make a great holiday gift.

## GARLIC HERB TAPENADE

*Garlic spread that is perfect for entertaining can be prepared in advance and whipped out of the fridge for a quick appetizer.*

**Yield: 1/2-cup purée**

2 large bulbs garlic, broken into cloves  
1 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
2 large sprigs fresh rosemary  
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves  
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh marjoram  
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh tarragon  
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice  
Kosher salt and freshly ground white pepper to taste  
Snipped fresh chives for garnish  
Pita toast wedges or crackers for serving.  
Preheat oven to 350°F.

1. Place the unpeeled garlic cloves in a mixing bowl and pour the oil over it. Toss to mix, then transfer to a small baking sheet and top with rosemary. Bake in preheated oven until tender, about 35 minutes. Peel the cloves while still warm and discard the rosemary. Allow garlic to cool.

2. Place roasted garlic cloves in food processor fitted with knife blade or a blender with oil remaining in baking pan, then add thyme, marjoram, tarragon,

lemon juice and salt and pepper. Process or blend until a smooth purée. Taste to adjust seasoning if necessary and refrigerate in a suitable container until ready to serve. Serve from an attractive bowl on a platter, garnished with snipped chives and surrounded with pita toasts or crackers.

## TAPENADE

*Whip up this classic tapenade to serve on crusty slices of French or Italian bread for a delicious do-ahead party appetizer.*

**Yield: about 1 cup**

4 anchovy fillets  
2 tablespoons capers  
1 to 2 teaspoons lemon juice to taste  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
2 teaspoons fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dry oregano  
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard  
Freshly ground pepper  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
1 1/2 cups oil-cured black olives, pitted

1. Place anchovies, capers, lemon juice, garlic, thyme or oregano, dry mustard and pepper in work bowl of food processor fitted with knife blade and process just until blended. Pour oil through opening in feed tube in a slow, steady stream. Add pitted olives and pulse several times, until mixture is a bit chunky.

2. With a rubber spatula scrape into a serving bowl. Cover and refrigerate up to one week until ready to serve. Serve with crostini or crackers.

*For Silvia's blogs and more recipes visit [savoringthehamptons.com](http://savoringthehamptons.com).*

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# Christmas On The Town

BY AJI JONES



**NICK & TONI'S** in East Hampton will be open for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Dinner will be served from 6 to 10 p.m. and reservations are suggested. The Christmas Eve dinner includes a spicy scallop ceviche, house-made squid ink fettuccine arrabiata and eggnog truffles. The New Year's Eve menu includes beef tartare on Gaufrette, shaved house-made foie gras torchon and a champagne mousse tart. 631-324-3550

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BY KELLY LAFFEY & LEE MEYER

**I**n general, breakfast has to be the most undervalued going-out meal of the day. Though weekend brunches are popular, especially with the 20-something set, I'm talking about no-nonsense breakfast. A meal to charge your internal batteries for the day and not necessarily to take up an entire day. Southampton Inn's Café Oso has perfected the art of the going-out breakfast, offering a menu with all of the typical, home-cooked breakfast fare.

All the major breakfast specialties are represented: Choose from eggs any way; or the omelet of the day. You've got your carbs—French toast and pancakes. And your regional delicacies like Southern-style biscuits and gravy and huevos rancheros. On the lighter side, enjoy yogurt with granola or organic cereal.

Breakfast is served daily from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Lee and I ventured into the inn—notably within walking distance of the village—on a Wednesday morning, appetites ready after closing an issue the previous evening.

The Southampton Inn is beautiful and bright, both outside and inside. Walking in, we were immediately greeted by a concierge, who directed us to the downstairs restaurant. The staff was friendly and welcoming, immediately seating us and offering us coffee, a morning must. Our waiter was prompt and prepared, ready to answer any questions we had about the menu.

I started off with the farm-raised egg platter, which includes two eggs any style with your choice of bacon or sausage, plus home fries and toast. I went with over-easy eggs—extra runny please!—the sausage and whole-wheat toast.

The eggs were cooked exactly the way I would have cooked them myself, which means that I got a meal that met all my expectations, without having to clean egg yolk out of a scorching hot pan. Plus, a fixin' like sausage, a rare treat.

Our waiter brought us a small side of butter and jam for the toast. The butter was chilled a bit too much to make for easy spreading, but I had enough runny egg yolk to soak the toast in instead. I quite enjoyed using the toast to make my own mini egg and sausage sandwiches.

Lee went with the Southern-style biscuits and gravy, with his eggs over-medium. A self-proclaimed huge fan of comfort food, Lee was excited to find biscuits and gravy on the menu; it's not too common around these parts. Lee enjoyed the savory breakfast very much. The gravy, which was the most flavorful item on his plate, had a slight spicy "kick," which complemented the salt and



Southern comfort comes north.

pepper on his eggs. Although the combination of the eggs and gravy made for a wet, messy dish, the biscuits still stood out, thanks to the fluffy texture and warm, buttery taste. And the over-medium eggs were made just right—runny but not overwhelming.

Café Oso offers "Buy One Get One" breakfasts with a coupon given at check-in and/or distributed around town. We would absolutely return. With a wealth of breakfast mainstays, as well as good service and peaceful ambience, it's very easy to recommend this hidden Southampton gem for a good, satisfying breakfast out.

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# Restaurant Review: FRESH Hamptons

BY DAN KOONTZ

**I**ne clue that Fresh Hamptons is a different kind of restaurant comes when you find that the front page of the menu is devoted to a message from the executive chef/owner, Todd Jacobs. In addition to promising locally produced meat and vegetables and fresh, locally caught fish, Jacobs alludes to Fresh Hamptons' unique menu organization, which features family-style portions and a la carte sides. It's a menu that puts the customer in control of portion size as well as taste combinations. In a break with high-end restaurant tradition, at Fresh Hamptons you get to decide how much food you get and what comes with what. It's unusual, both because we've come to expect chefs to dictate accompaniments and because it leaves more decisions for the diner.

While Jacobs admits that some diners find it hard to decide what side dishes to order with their entrée (and there are a few "platter" suggestions for those who can't handle the pressure), on the whole he finds the approach to work very nicely. "This way, it allows diners to maybe order a smaller portion of meat and more of the delicious local vegetables," says Jacobs. This tilt away from meat is, as we have long known, a healthier way to eat, and Fresh Hamptons is not shy about emphasizing the healthfulness of its offerings. In fact, a good number of the restaurant's food offerings are designed to complement the practice of yoga.

On the other side of the coin, Jacobs notes that in the more traditional restaurants he's managed, tremendous amounts of wonderful side dishes go uneaten by those diners whom we might call the hardened meat eaters; so at Fresh Hamptons, patrons who know they're not going to eat the beets don't have to order the beets, and that way much

less food is wasted.

Whatever the options for the determined carnivore, though, the menu at Fresh Hamptons clearly gravitates toward healthful choices. Local veggies make their appearance in some very attractive salads, including the house tossed salad, which is nicely customizable with add-ons, including local raw cheddar and raw cashews. The local organic chicken noodle soup contains gluten-free fusilli for those watching their gluten. There's also a raw-

food friendly, vegan summer roll featuring a mix of julienned fresh vegetables wrapped in a collard green with tomato chipotle vegan aioli.

On a recent early winter's evening, we opted for a middle ground between healthy and indulgent. The curried local organic pumpkin soup was on the sweet side, and gained a pleasing creaminess and complexity when the dollop of fresh Greek yogurt was stirred into it. An appetizer of garlicky organic guacamole was served with some nice warm, crispy tortillas and hit the spot very nicely.

Encouraged by Fresh Hamptons' menu, we also got right into the spirit of favoring vegetable or starch sides over meat entrées. The side-dish combination platter allows you to order any five sides from a list of around 15 choices: the choices range from hand-cut French fries to steamed local organic beets to steamed bok choy and shiitake mushrooms with



Go for local scallops!

ginger tossed with sesame oil, and the portions are quite generous. Five sides could easily satisfy the side-dish needs of a family of four, and they are meant to be enjoyed family style. We went with the lovely, earthy steamed local organic beets, the sweet jewel yams with fresh ginger, the more decadent garlic whipped potatoes, and the Thai green curried local vegetables.

We also tried the gluten-free macaroni and cheese side dish. Having spent some years trying to find passable gluten-free pasta, without success, we were pleased to find that Fresh Hamptons has solved this riddle. The gluten-free pasta had fine texture, and the sauce was rich and creamy. Superb!

After all of this, perhaps the entrées will seem an afterthought, but they shouldn't. At Fresh Hamptons, you order your entrée by weight (1/4-, 1/2-, or 1-pound portions), with 1/2 lb. being the standard adult portion. I went for the luscious braised beef short ribs—one of the best winter dishes I know—while my partner tried the pan seared local scallops, which were sweet and delicious.

For dessert, it was the homemade sorbets, including a sorbet made from locally grown paw-paws. You can't get that everywhere! ☺

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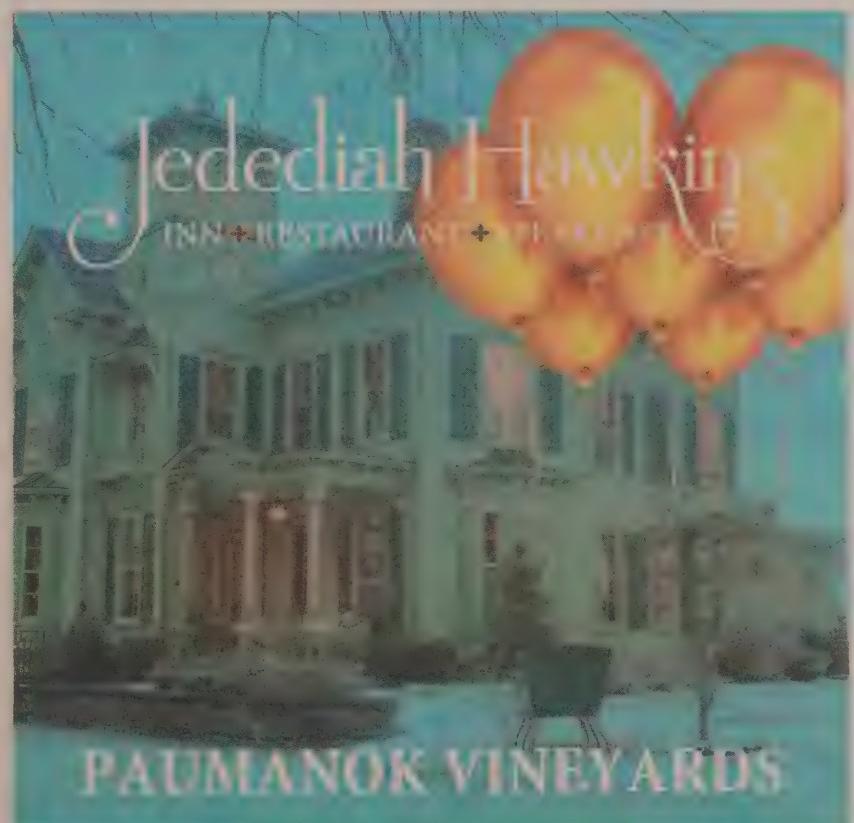


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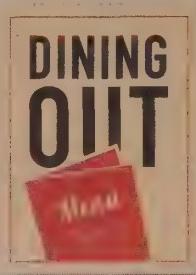
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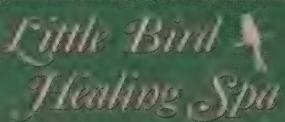
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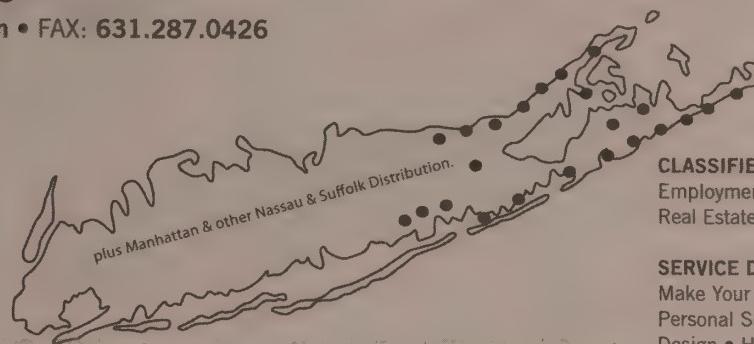
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Each town offers something unique and it's important to make sure you select the location that will best suite you and your family. Look at schools, shopping, community leadership and local people in any potential neighborhood. Once you narrow down your choices and make a list of favorites, I suggest scanning the targeted area you like best and make note of the available homes.

Knowing your budget will guide you in the right direction. If your maximum budget is, let's say, \$750,000, homes valued a little higher may still be an option. Remember, there's always room for negotiation. On the other hand, looking at homes way beyond your means is, realistically, not a smart move. If this is your first home it's important to see the big picture. A long-term investment on a home that may need a bit of work is well worth the savings if you buy in a great location. You can always remodel that kitchen or bathroom next year, but you can't move your home from a not-so-great area to a prime setting.

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# An Interview With Eric Woodward

BY LISA TANNENBAUM

**P**opular architect Eric Woodward sat down recently to answer questions about his life's work. You can see his designs all over the South Fork, over 350 buildings in all.

#### What was your first commission?

One of the first jobs when I got my license was around 1983 for Cyril Dwek in Southampton. We renovated a California modern ranch house to look like a turn-of-the-century shingled house. It was exciting because Paul Goldberger included it in his *Houses of the Hamptons* book and said at the time I was notable as one of the young architects that had an interest in traditional design straight out of school. Most of the other architects in the area then were modernists who secondarily adopted the postmodern or traditional designs.

#### How do you work with a client to determine their needs?

The initial interview will usually include a visit to the site and review of the property survey. We talk about the client's desires and look at pictures of things the client likes. If things are going well I produce a spreadsheet, which lists of the room sizes and total square footage, and if desired even attempt a preliminary square footage budget.

#### How long is the process of designing a home from start to finish?

Design time can be quite variable. My clients are usually looking for considerable customization. My preliminary sketches within the first month give a very good general idea of the design. At this point sometimes we can go right into detail drawings but often spend another month or two refining the preliminary sketches.

**When done well, shingle style is the essence of the East End's best architectural heritage.**

#### How did you develop a clientele in the Hamptons?

Working in this area full-time since 1976, I have met and worked with a lot of people in all aspects of the profession. I worked with Eugene Futterman during the boom years 1983 to '87 and took over his practice upon his passing. I have never advertised because the best source of referrals is word-of-mouth from satisfied clients.

#### What's the biggest project you have completed? the smallest?

The biggest was probably the renovation for Burton Brous of "By the Way" on Gin Lane in Southampton. This major renovation even included an indoor swimming pool in the basement. The biggest new house was Bruce Wasserstein's residence in East Hampton.

#### How has the practice evolved over the years?

In 1976 I worked for two years for my uncle, architect Peter Paul Muller, who was a conservative designer and gave me a strong grounding in the professional nature of the architect-client relationship. Then I spent two years renovating a six-unit apartment building in Southampton village because I wanted to get more understanding of the construction trades. I learned carpentry, wiring, sheet rock, cabinet making, and a lot of hard labor. Next I started freelance architecture jobs but was most fortunate to associate with Gene Futterman—he lit the spark for me where creative and traditional designs combined successfully.

#### How involved are you in the design process with five employees?

We now share the design process depending on the nature of each job. Two (Cont'd on next page)



Shingle-style, a classic Hamptons look

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## Woodward (Cont'd, previous page)

not my employees have been with me for many years and we can match the clients' desires effectively.

### How have the demands of the clients changed?

It has been interesting to watch how style trends change. In 1976 polished brass plumbing was the latest in upscale construction and now it looks common and dated. But the significant thing that has not changed is clients always want good value. They will be willing to spend the money but they need to know they are getting high quality and not being overcharged.

### What's the strangest request you have had for a custom feature?

One client wanted a "bat pole" from his second floor bedroom to the basement.

### What does "shingle style" mean to you?

When done well, shingle style is still the essence of the East End's best architectural heritage. In

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the 1880s architects developed a style that was simultaneously practical and creative. The new resort houses could blend with the existing shingled vernacular. The shingle detailing was often clever and visually exciting without being ostentatious. Houses had less painted trim than colonial architecture and could introduce more and larger windows to capture views and breezes. Inside the Victorian floor plans were opened up and became less formal. A good

shingle style house today is as fresh and exciting as it was 130 years ago.

### What is the craftsman style renovation?

Craftsman Style followed Shingle Style around 1905. The emphasis was more on rationality than the exuberance of shingle style, generally more rectilinear and straightforward. As with the concurrent mission style furniture, forms were kept simple and often the structural essence was the only decoration. In theory the handwork of the craftsman was honored over machine production, but right from the start true craftwork was quite expensive. There are some outstanding examples of Craftsman Style architecture on the East End, but not many.

### How would you describe your clientele?

My clients are usually looking for more customization than average and often want to interact with their design team rather than just buy a finished product. And of course they are looking for an office with track record of producing results.

### What kind of house do you live in?

My wife Hilary and I live in a craftsman style renovation in the woods north of Southampton. It's a simple, large gable form with big overhangs, exposed rafters and a big stone chimney. The trim is dark green and the windows dark red, partly inspired by the Swedish arts and crafts palette.

You work with developer Michael Davis and some of those houses are \$26 million. What is it like to design a house like that?

Almost half of my work now is now for Michael Davis. He offers custom clients a comprehensive package including design and construction. We have done over 70 houses together and more and more often they are for clients with their own land rather than spec houses. On his jobs I'm part of the team and Michael's office coordinates all aspects of the project. My responsibility will be the basic design and basic working drawings and Michael works with others for detailing interiors and picking interior finish materials. Michael has an excellent design sense and some of my best English country house inspired designs have been for him. Whether it's for Michael or for a custom client and whether it's a small house or a big house, with every custom detail the basic design process is very similar—consider the site, the client's dreams, a myriad of practical constraints and synthesize it all into a wonderful new home.

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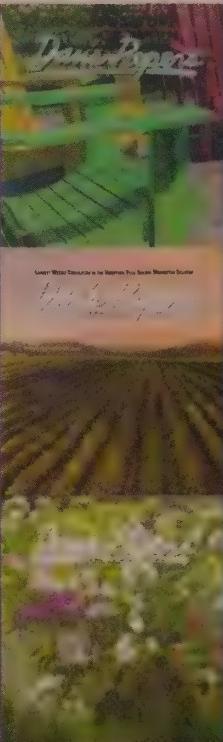
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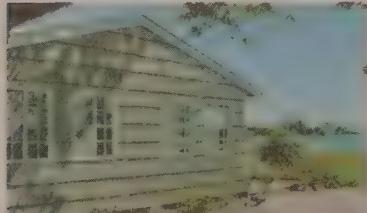
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